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The Honorable William F. Winter
Governor of the State of Mississippi
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Dear Governor Winter:

It is with great pride that I present this report because it embodies all the achievements and struggles of 2,667 employees to serve the poor and hungry of Mississippi.

During fiscal year 1983, the Mississippi Department of Public Welfare was recognized for its work in prevention of fraud in the food stamp program. Mississippi was ranked 6th nationwide based on 611 food stamp fraud hearings held. Fraud prosecutions totaled 365, which gave the state a ranking of 12th.

Mississippi has one of the lowest administrative costs per household in the food stamp program--$49.95. In the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program the administrative cost per case of $8.86 is the lowest in the nation.

A first for the Agency was the establishment of the County, Regional and State Welfare Councils. The councils represent a grass-roots effort to seek input from welfare recipients, community leaders and civic organizations.

MAVERICS is the Agency's top priority. It will provide automated data processing services to county, regional and state offices. Through MAVERICS, the Agency is the pioneer in the production of an integrated on line eligibility system that includes the programs of Aid to Dependent Children, Child Support, Food Stamps and Social Services.

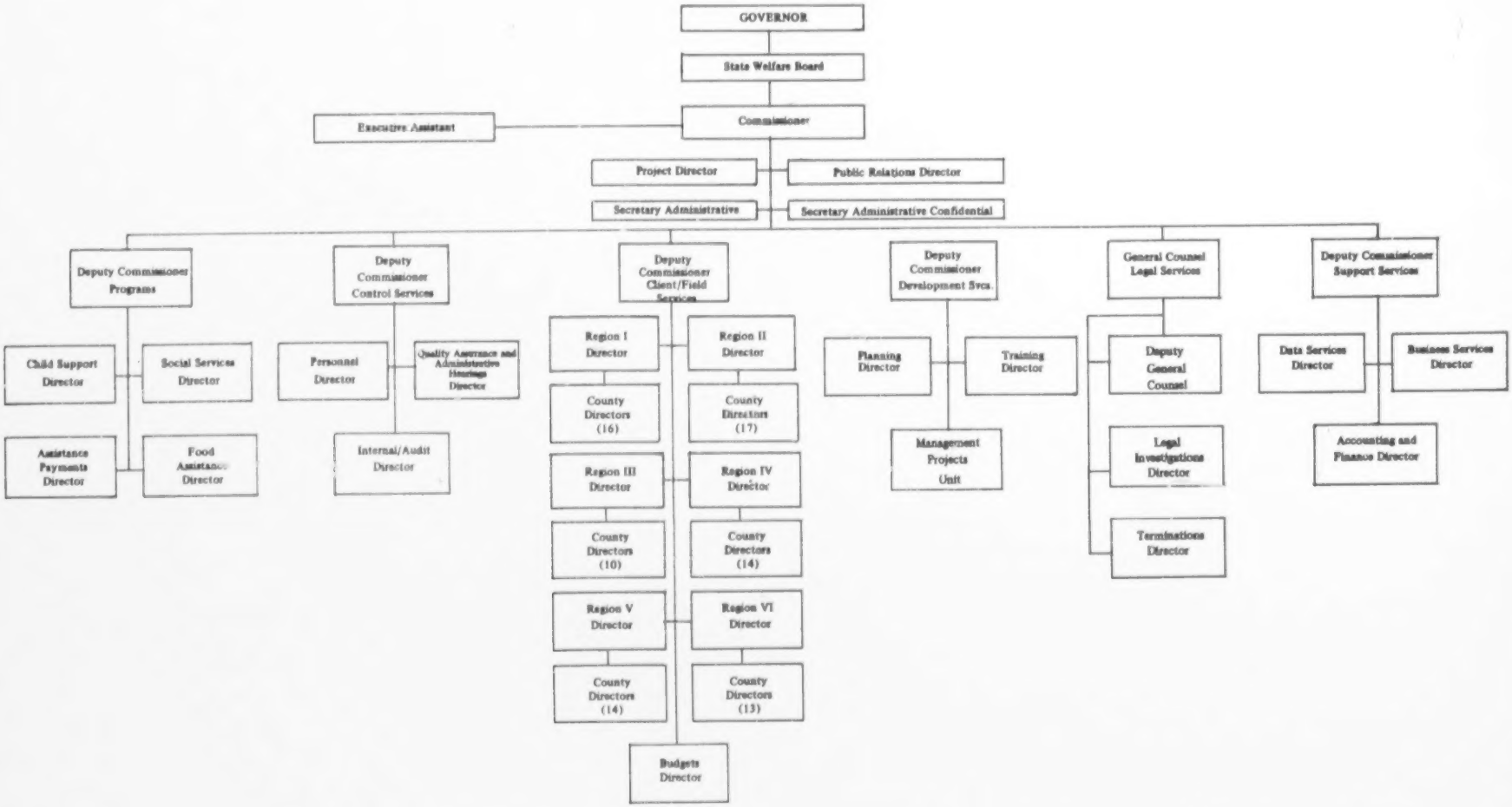
Coping with funding reductions, hiring freezes and declining staff, the Agency has managed to retain a high quality of work and continue to provide crucial services to the needy.

Sincerely,

Donald B. Roark

Donald B. Roark, Commissioner

MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

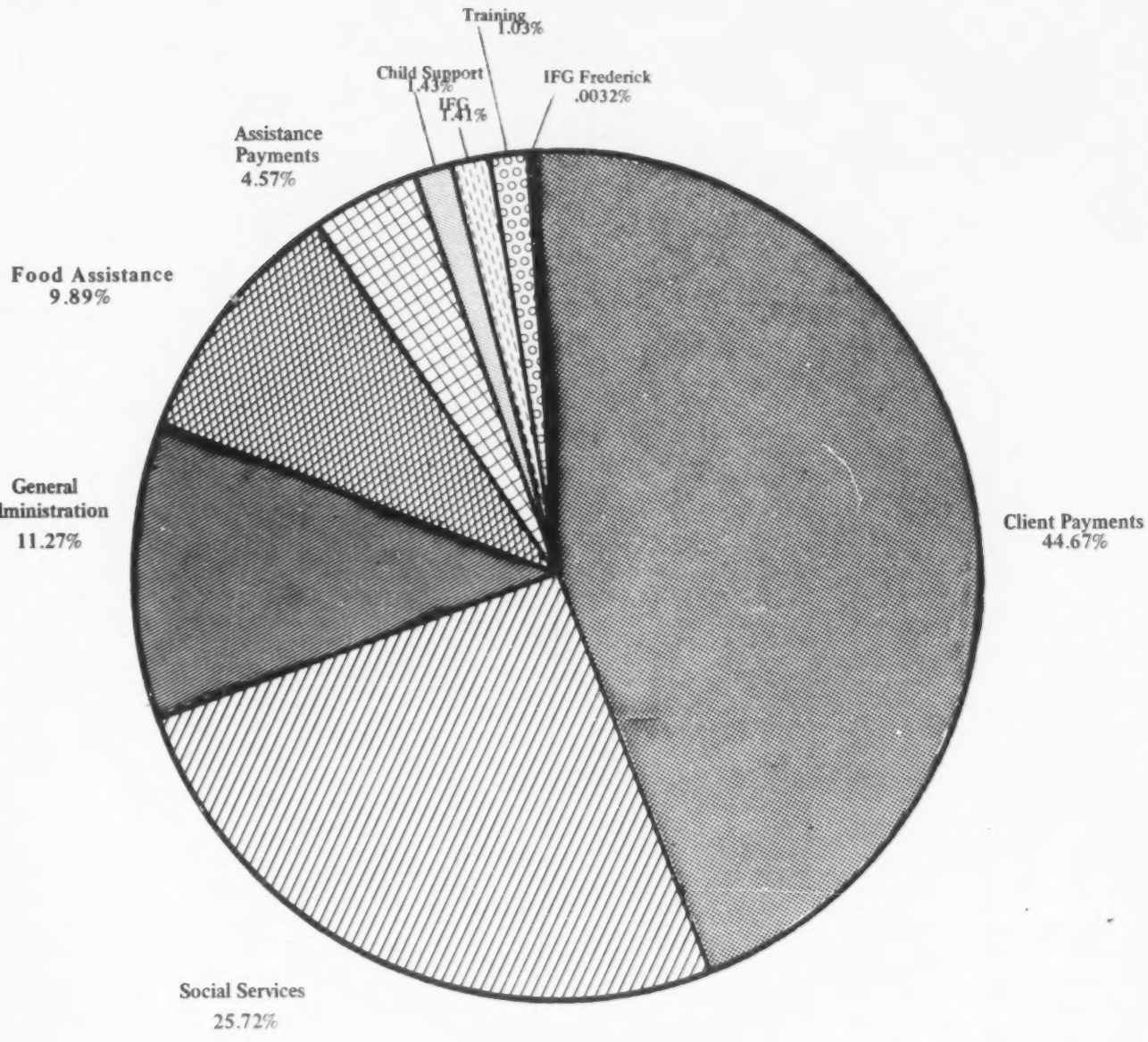
Major Objectives of Expenditures	General Administration	Assistance Payments	Child Support	Training
Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits	10,022,678	5,604,733	1,596,267	588,434
Travel and Subsistance	310,665	41,838	112,787	247,258
Contractual Services	3,150,112	248,225	144,504	232,196
Commodities	599,842	2,891	20,957	5,443
Capitol Outlay: Other	-0-	-0-	-0-	5,531
Capitol Outlay: Equipment	73,805	1,043	8,001	6,690
Subsidies, Loan and Grants	377,377	-0-	(36,144)	236,519
Total	**$14,534,479**	**$5,898,730**	**$1,846,372**	**$1,322,071**
Sources of Financing:				
State	$5,008,319	$2,927,775	$453,700	$330,490
Federal	8,682,729	2,789,078	1,298,887	876,028
Medicaid	145,635	168,728	311	7,075
Other	697,796	13,149	93,474	108,478
Total	**$14,534,479**	**$5,898,730**	**1,846,372**	**1,322,071**

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

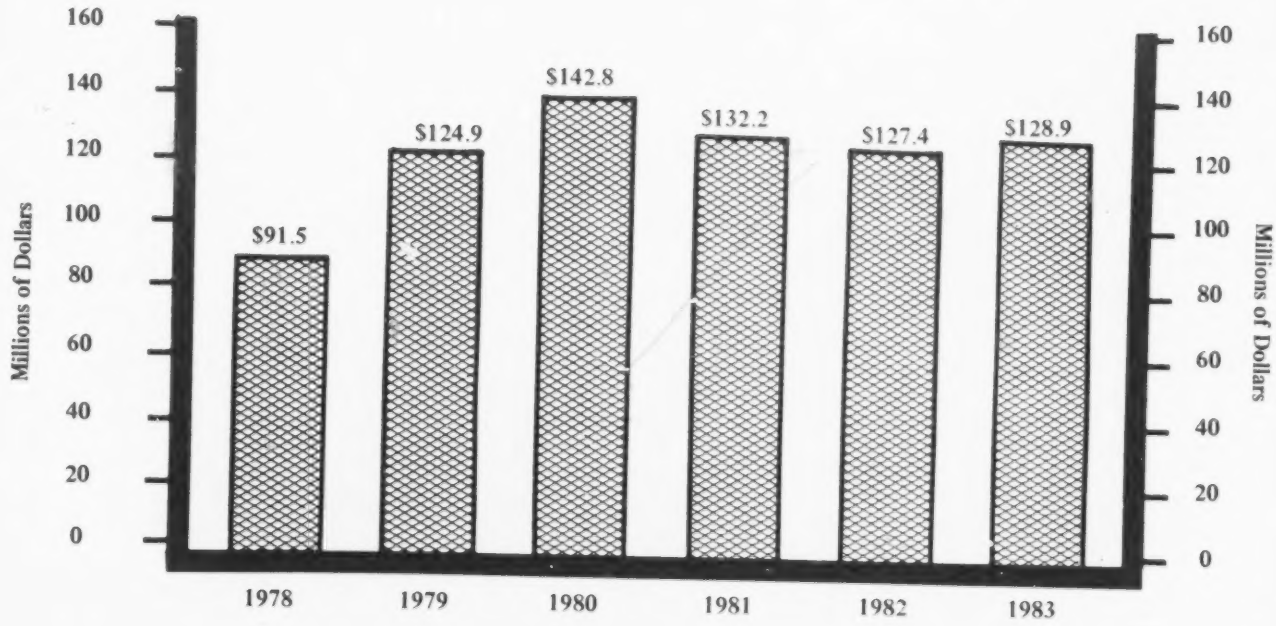
July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

Food Assistance	Social Services	IFG Frederick	IFG April 83	Client Payments	Total Expenditures
$10,688,211	$8,516,580	$-0-	$-0-	$-0-	$37,016,903
110,802	709,948	-0-	24,087	-0-	1,557,385
1,389,924	18,046,670	-0-	153,890	-0-	23,357,308
135,248	86,894	3,998	4,668	-0-	859,941
-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	5,531
51,787	7,354	-0-	-0-	-0-	148,680
379,804	5,795,279	-0-	1,634,144	57,606,682	66,001,874
$12,755,776	**$33,162,725**	**$3,998**	**$1,816,789**	**$57,606,682**	**$ 128,947,622**
5,864,576	2,002,132	-0-	-0-	13,373,454	29,960,446
6,436,485	25,737,145	3,998	1,816,789	44,306,313	91,947,452
260	214,527	-0-	-0-	-0-	536,536
454,455	5,208,921	-0-	-0-	(73,085)	6,503,188
$ 12,755,776	**$33,162,725**	**$3,998**	**$ 1,816,789**	**$ 57,606,682**	**$ 128,947,622**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM



TOTAL WELFARE EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Years 1978 - 1983



ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

The programs of the Assistance Payments Department provide financial help to people in need. The department is responsible for the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC), Refugee Resettlement, the Cuban Haitian Entrants programs, and the Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program. The department also is responsible for monitoring the Mandatory State Supplement program and for providing policy clearances on Confederate Pensions.

The ADC program helps children, under 18 years of age, who have lost the care and support of one or both parents. Eligibles receive a monthly check and/or Medicaid benefits. Mississippi s method of limiting the grant according to the number of children, not persons, in the case is a factor in the state's money grants being the lowest in the nation.

The department implemented the following federally mandated changes that affect money grants and Medicaid benefits for ADC recipients:

1) Proration of initial ADC checks
2) Rounding down of grant amounts
3) Military service no longer a basis for deprivation
4) State-wide implementation of monthly reporting and retrospective budgeting
5) Increased need standard.

Recoupment of overpayments from ADC checks began in May 1982. At the end of June 1983, the department had recovered $102,704 by this method. From July 1982 through June 1983 the department had collected $100,756. Recoupment from sources other than ADC checks amount to $73,335 for July 1982 through June 1983, for a total from all sources for the fiscal year 1982 of $174,091.

Assistance Payments continued to participate in the planning of MAVERICS, an online integrated computer system.

The department also continued to participate in the reduction of the ADC error rate which officially stood at 6.5% for April through September 1981. The unofficial state reported error rate for the period October 1982 thorough March 1983 was 3.0%.

The Individual and Family Grant Program provides funds to disaster victims to enable them to meet those necessary expenses or serious needs for which other assistance is either unavailable or inadequate. The program went into effect in Mississippi on a Presidential declaration of April 16, 1983, after tornadoes occurred in Rankin and Franklin counties and flooding in Forrest and surrounding counties. Tornadoes and flooding in May resulted in a second Presidential declaration for 16 counties. On June 30, 1983, IFG applications for the first incident totalled 2,267. On the same date, 1,635 applications had been taken for the second disaster.

Assistance Payments worked on other responsibilities assigned to the department, such as: handling county reports of improper ADC payments; coordinating all changes with computer staff; developing and issuing instructions to county staff on Assistance Payments programs; and providing interpretations on Assistance Payments programs to Agency staff and others outside the Agency.

CHILD SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

The Child Support Department plans and develops policies for collecting child support from absent parents. Children receiving ADC and others whose caretakers apply and pay a fee are eligible for child support services. The services include: location of absent parents who have an obligation to support minor dependent children, appropriate legal services required to establish paternity; appropriate legal services to obtain initial order for support; and appropriate legal services to enforce an existing child support order.

The Program Unit consists of county support workers and investigators who are assigned areas throughout the state. Their responsibility is to investigate cases in order to locate absent parents, obtain evidence of paternity, determine the absent parents ability to pay child support and the possibility of paternity and/or support action.

During FY 1983 the major activities were:

* collected $4,020,328 in child support collections, 58 percent increase over FY 1982. The increase in collections was mainly due to the monies collected through the IRS Income Tax Offset Program, which collected $1,138,691. This program was authorized in August 1981 as a part of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-35). It provides for the federal income tax refunds of non-supporting absent parents to be offset in order to recover ADC grants in appropriate cases.

* located 19,099 absent parents – an increase of 14 percent.

The State Parent Locator Unit locates absent parents in order to obtain child support. Location activities are conducted by checking various federal and state data sources.

Fiscal year 1983 activities were:

* the unit received 8,164 location requests.

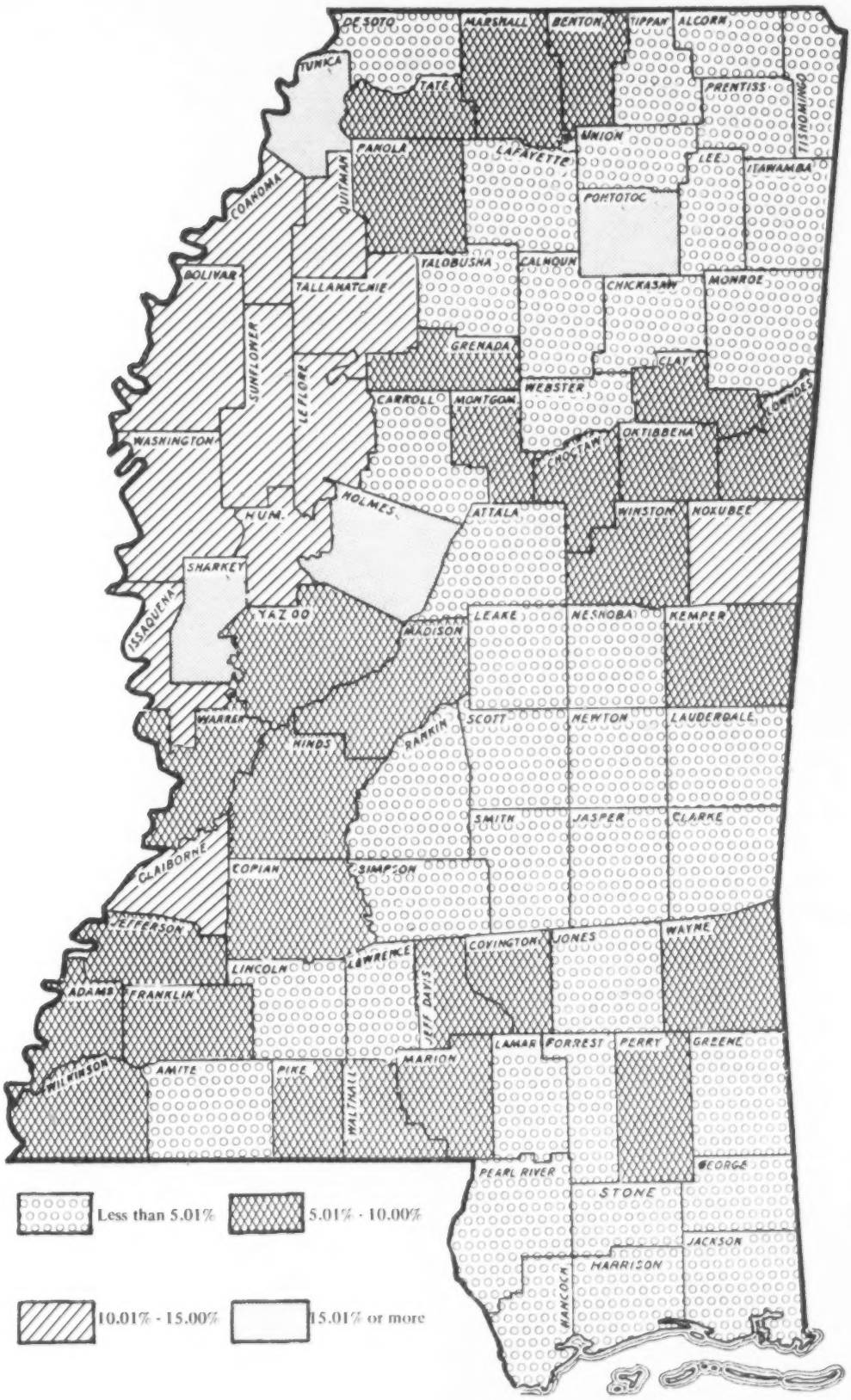
* 5,303 missing parents were located.

The Legal Unit provides the legal services necessary to establish paternity or support. It enforces existing support orders.

Fiscal year 1983 activities were:

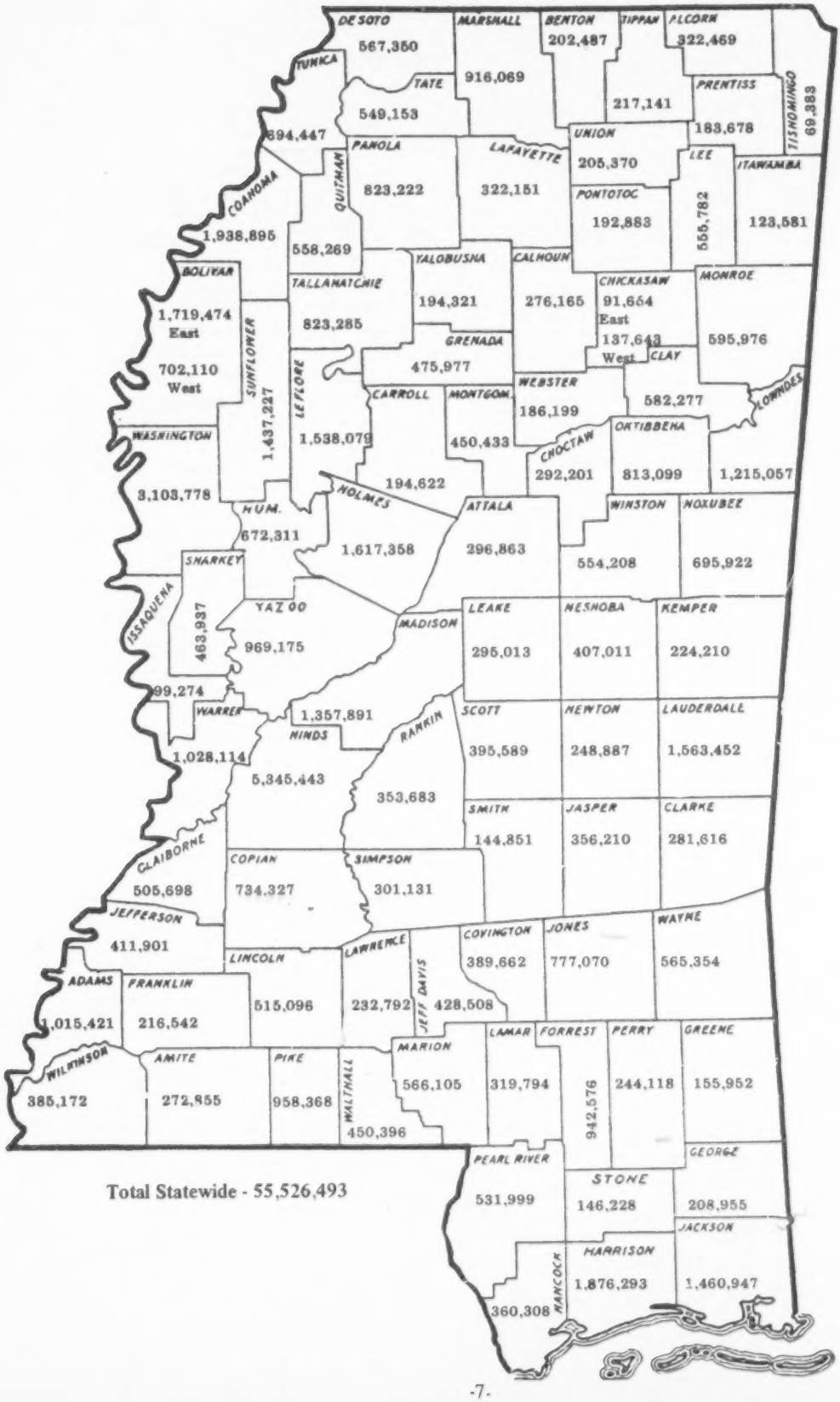
* the unit filed 6,717 legal actions.

PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION RECEIVING ADC ASSISTANCE
June 1983



EXPENDITURES FOR ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS BY COUNTY

July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983



Total Statewide - 55,526,493

The Fiscal Unit, in conjunction with the Program Unit, is responsible for the fiscal policies and procedures utilized in the distribution of child support monies collected by the county welfare departments.

Fiscal year 1983 activities were:

* 113 ADC payments were terminated due to child support collections resulting in an estimated annual savings of $93,324.00.

* 334 ADC applicants were denied due to child support activities resulting in an estimated annual cost avoidance of $364,295.28.

FOOD ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

The Food Assistance Department administers the Food Stamp Program following the federal guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). County welfare departments determine eligibility and issue food stamps based on policies and guidelines distributed by the Food Assistance Department.

County reports of improper issuance are reviewed and approved by the department. Of the improper issuance claims, those of intentional suspected program violation (fraud) are referred to the Agency's Legal Services Division and/or to the Quality Assurance and Administrative Hearings Department.

The Food Stamp Program provides monthly benefits that help low-income households maintain nutritous diets. Food stamps are coupons that can be used like money to buy food. The coupons come to Mississippi at no cost to the state; food stamps are 100 percent federal money. The amount of food stamps an eligible household can receive is based on factors such as the household size, income and resources (e.g., checking and savings accounts, etc.).

Food stamps are a great boost to Mississippi's economy through the sales tax. Based on the sales tax generated and the multiplyer's effect, food stamps added approximately $60 million to the state's economy during fiscal year 1983.

A new Food Stamp Director, Joy Herron, was appointed July 1, 1983. Ms. Herron replaced James E. Larson, who took disability retirement.

The Food Assistance Department spent most of fiscal year 1983 writing and rewriting policy changes mandated by USDA. The department issued 47 bulletins and seven memoranda on new policy and procedures.

The major policy changes mandated by USDA was Monthly Reporting and Retrospective Budgeting (MR/RB) to be effective October 1, 1983. MR/RB was implemented in six counties to test the new procedure. The counties were Clarke, Lincoln, Monroe, Montgomery, Pearl River and Yazoo.

The Department developed a system to automate, to a limited degree, certain aspects of the workload involved in food stamp cases who do not receive ADC. The system is called Food Assistance Control System (FACS). It was developed to help county departments cope with MR/RB.

Other changes that had an effect on the Food Assistance Department were:

* revised procedures to expedite processing and collection of over-issuance claims.

* USDA mandate that information concerning wages of food stamp recipients be requested from the Mississippi Employment Security Commission.

* USDA mandated changes in the method of calculating the amount of fraud allotment reduction and ways of recovering other types of over issuances.

CHILD SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

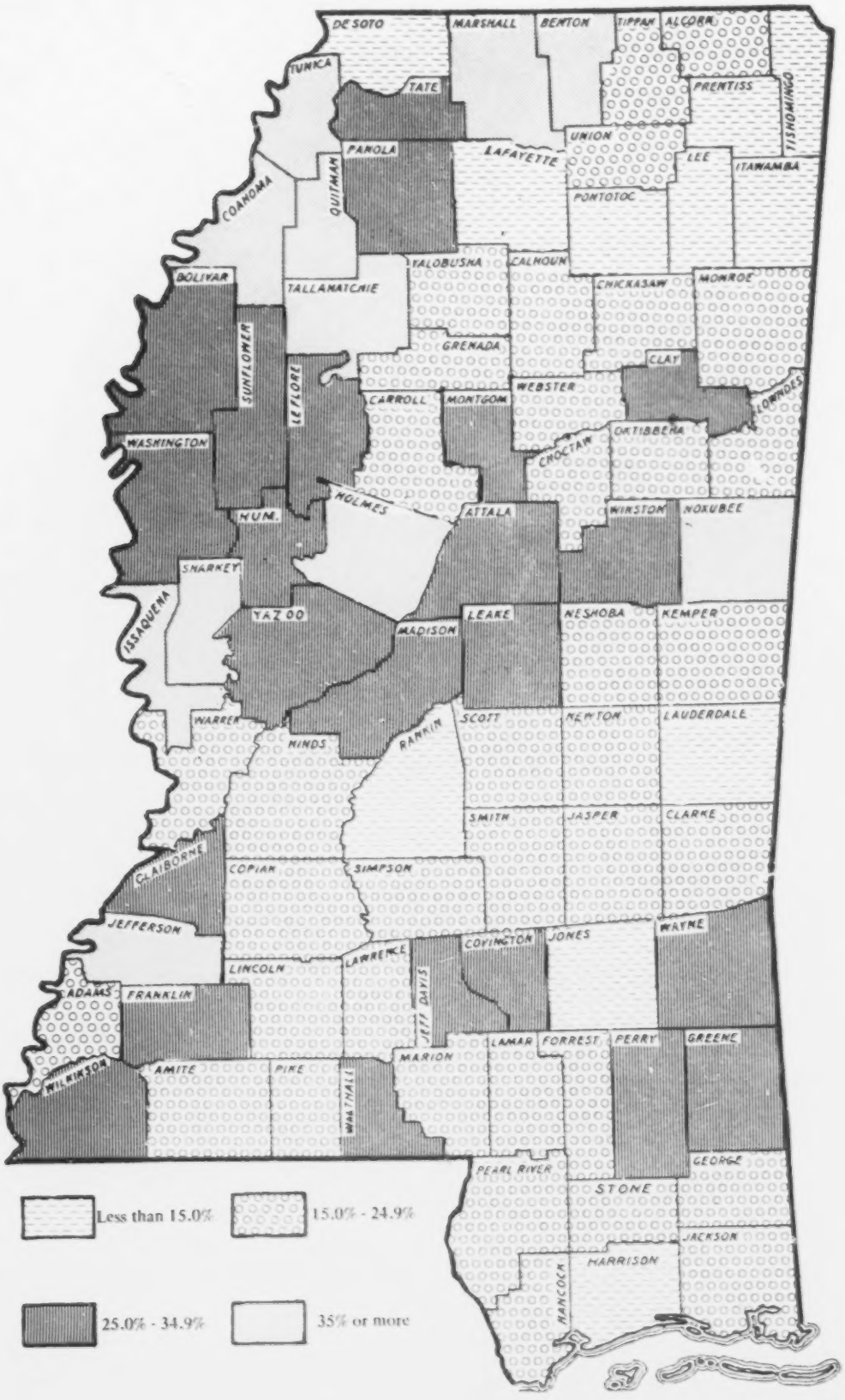
Fiscal Year	Absent Parents Located	Legal Actions Filed	Orders Received
1980	10,048	5,731	3,452
1981	14,913	6,823	3,775
1982	16,801	6,416	3,780
1983	19,099	6,717	4,318

PARTICIPATION IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM BY HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, AND COUPON VALUE
JULY 1, 1982 - JUNE 30, 1983

Month and Year	Households	Persons	Coupon Value
1982			
July	156 962	498 391	$ 18 943 605
August	158 781	504 640	19 041 714
September	159 212	505 783	19 001 546
October	160 069	507 472	21 736 308
November	162 879	516 420	22 059 038
December	167 166	531 396	22 716 203
1983			
January	169 181	539 034	23 016 577
February	170 682	544 470	23 424 271
March	171 673	549 328	23 477 309
April	170 112	544 569	23 097 751
May	168 048	538 053	22 714 106
June	166 670	533 890	22 488 876

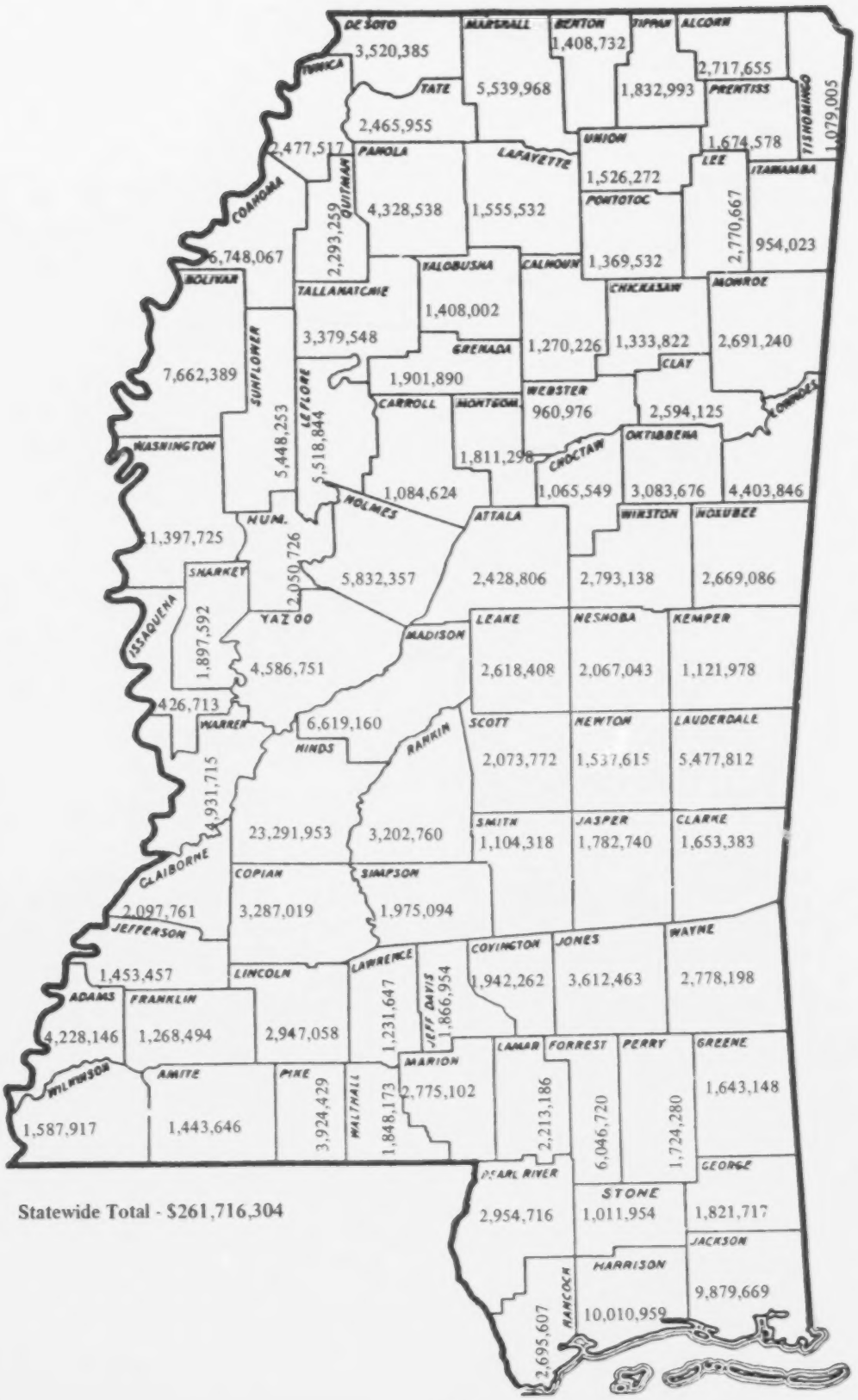
PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION RECEIVING FOOD STAMPS

June 1983



TOTAL FOOD STAMP VALUE BY COUNTY

July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983



Statewide Total - $261,716,304

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The department administers the social services provided under titles IV-B, IV-C, IV-E and XX of the Social Security Act. The Social Services Department consists of four program sections in charge of services to families, children and adults: Child Development Unit, Foster Care Unit, Adoption Unit and the Work Incentive Unit.

Social Services provide assistance in personal protection, individual and family functioning, personal development and social interaction. The Agency provides some services directly and purchases others from state agencies and private and public agencies.

The Agency is in charge of the delivery of direct services like adoption, counseling, foster care, homemaker and protective services for children and adults. Individuals and families can apply at the county department for any kind of social service. The county staff determines eligibility for the services. Day care for children and adults, family planning, halfway houses, maternity home care and transportation are examples of purchased services from other agencies or providers.

A variety of social services are offered in every geographic area of the state; however, all services are not offered in each county.

The Social Services Department in 1983, began development of a Cost/Benefit System to measure effectiveness and cost of services to clients. It also developed and implemented a monitoring system to review case records at the county level.

ADOPTION

Through Adoption Assitance, permanency planning was provided for 110 special needs children.

The Adoption Exchange Book was updated four times. A total of 78 children were featured in the Adoption Book. During the year, 22 children found adoptive homes as a result of being featured in the book.

The 'Sunday's Child" column in the Clarion Ledger-Jackson Daily News is published every two weeks. This fiscal year, 24 articles featured 43 special needs children of which 23 found adoptive homes. Seven of the 23 were placed as a direct result of "Sunday's Child". It is very hard to asses how many families have adopted special needs children because they became aware of the need for homes through "Sunday's Child".

A new type of recruitment for homes for special needs children, released for adoption, started during fiscal year 1983. 'Wednesday's Child" is a joint effort of WALA-TV in Mobile, Alabama and the Agency. The segments were shown as part of the 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. newscasts every Wednesday. Thirteen children (three sibling groups) were featured on eight segments. WALA-TV provides the Agency with a copy of each video tape to use in other types of recruitment. The TV station also reimburses Agency staff for travel expenses. "Wednesday's Child" is professionally produced with no expense spared. The Agency and WALA-TV plan to continue their work together

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The program made substantial progress in its goal to meet the ever demanding needs of day care services statewide. During fiscal year 1983, it was able to increase services in some counties as well as expand day care in other counties:

Oktibbeha - one program

Bolivar - two programs

Forrest - one program

Hinds - three programs

The new programs increase the number of providers to 41 serving 431 children.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Funds from the state child abuse/neglect grant were used for a series of sexual abuse workshops conducted by Thelma Baily. Twelve two-day workshops were held across the state for the county service workers, supervisors and regional services supervisors. The focus of the workshops was treatment of sexual abuse victims and their families. The workshops were a follow up to the workshops conducted by Mrs. Baily during fiscal year 1982.

Grant funds were also used for case consultation. Mrs. Baily conducted case consultation in two locations for three days. Case consultations will be provided in at least six locations in fiscal year 1984.

The 1982 Mississippi Legislature passed a law mandating the Agency to provide services to adults in personal care/boarding homes. The impact of the law was experienced mainly in Hinds County. The new law brought about cooperation and assistance between agencies concerned about adults in need of protective services. Workshops regarding the new legislation were held statewide. They were conducted by the Agency, Council On Aging, Mississippi Health Care Commission and the Mental Health Department.

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED SERVICE (DDS):

The DDS program served 128 children during the 1983 fiscal year. Coordination between facilities, available funding resources (State Department of Education, Medicaid, the local school districts) and the Agency permitted DDS funds to meet the needs of more children.

ADOPTION UNIT PLACEMENTS
July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

AGES	WHITE-FOSTER PARENTS	BLACK FOSTER PARENTS	WHITE NON-FOSTER PARENTS	BLACK NON-FOSTER PARENTS	TOTAL
0 - 3 months			2	12	14
4 mos. - 1	3		3	5	11
2 - 3	14	4	4	5	27
4 - 5	13	13	3	8	37
6 - 7	19	11	1	8	39
8 - 9	2	10	3	13	28
10-11	8	12	1	6	27
12-13	11	3	1	3	18
14-15	4	1	1		6
16 and over	3	2	1		6
TOTAL	77	56	20	60	213

Total - Foster Parents Adopting 133
(White - 77; Black - 56)

Total - Non-Foster Parents Adopting 80
(White - 20; Black - 60)

Total - Placed by POS Contracts 22

TOTAL NUMBER OF CERTIFIED SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN RECEIVING ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 1983

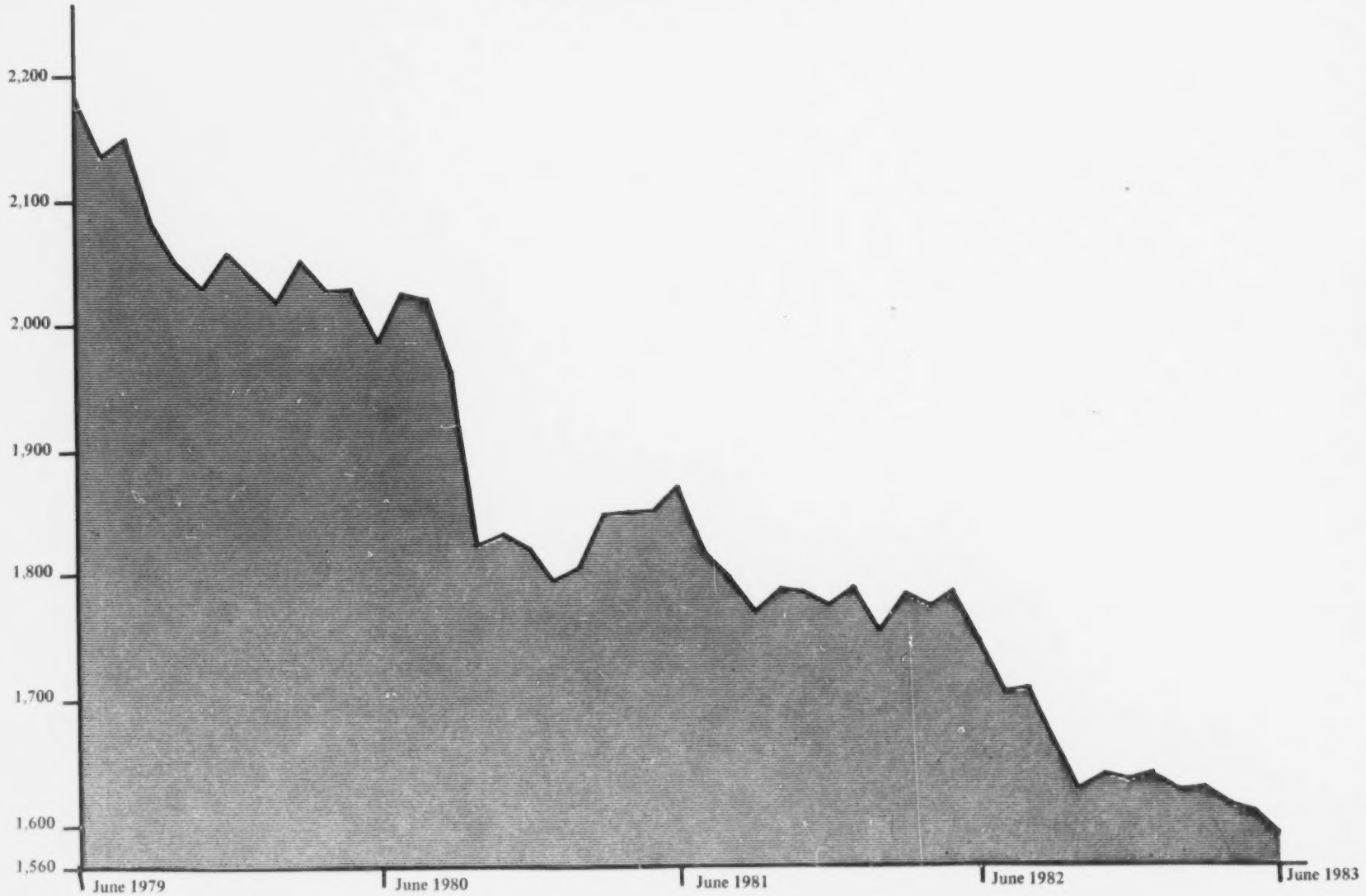
AGES	WHITE FOSTER PARENTS	BLACK FOSTER PARENTS	WHITE NON-FOSTER PARENTS	BLACK NON-FOSTER PARENTS	TOTAL
0-3	3	5	0	0	8
4-6	10	8	0	1	19
7-12	18	32	0	9	59
13 and over	12	6	2	4	23
TOTAL	43	51	2	14	110

Total: Foster Parent Adoptions 94
(White Foster Parents - 43; Black Foster Parents - 51)

Total: Non-Foster Parent Adoptions 16
(White Non-Foster Parents - 2; Black Non-Foster Parents - 14)

TOTAL 110

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE



INTERSTATE COMPACT ON PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

Ann Pullum, Consultant, was the president of the Association of Administrators of the Inter State Compact on the Placement of Children. She presided at the annual meeting of the association in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 25-28, 1983.

A program development specialist joined the Interstate Compact Unit because the workload had increased tremendously since Mississippi joined the compact in 1976.

WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The goal of the Work Incentive Program is to assist ADC recipients in entering unsubsidized employment which will lead to economic self-sufficiency and independence. WIN is jointly administered by the Mississippi Employment Security Commission and the State Department of Public Welfare.

Significant activities of the program were:

1. Major increase in the provision of supportive services, like child care and remedial medical services, to all WIN registrants in the six counties participating in WIN.

2. Provision of Purchased Services to ADC applicants who participated in Independent/Group Job Search Sessions in order to reduce welfare dependency by employment in unsubsidized jobs.

3. Expansion of WIN/Public Service Employment component for potential employable ADC and WIN registrants in WIN and non-WIN counties.

4. Operation of the successful Food Stamp/Job Search Work Related Special Project in thirteen counties.

5. Implementation of Self-Directed Job Search Special Project funded by Public Law 98-8 (Jobs and Humanitarian Aid Law).

MAVERICS PROJECT

The Mississippi Application Verification Eligibility Reporting and Information Control System (MAVERICS) will provide automated data processing services to county, regional and state offices where on-line terminals and printers will be located for data entry and retrieval.

County workers will be able to enter information directly into the MAVERICS system. The system's data bases/information files can be immediately updated to include the information entered. Also, county workers will be able to call up for display on the terminal screen individual and case information that is in the system. The data can be also be printed on paper if needed.

MAVERICS is being designed as an integrated eligibility system to include the programs of Aid to Dependent Children (ADC), Food Stamps, Social Services and Child Support. It will be a user oriented system and the users (county, regional and state office staff) are participating in the development of the system.

Planning for MAVERICS began several years ago. Over the years the Agency has had to handle increased caseloads and more complicated program policies without corresponding increases in staff. Since this trend is expected to continue, the Agency began looking for ways to use available staff more effectively and maintain the high quality of services. An analysis of existing systems demonstrated that the systems could not be expected to statisfy the future data processing requirements of the four programs administered by the Agency.

In 1981 the Mississippi Legislature authorized the Agency to plan, develop and implement an on-line system. The legislature included funds for the project in the fiscal year 1982 appropriation.

In May 1982, the Agency submitted an Advance Planning Document (APD) to request an increased federal matching rate for the development of MAVERICS. The federal agencies approved the APD. The Agency will receive 90 percent matching for cost related to ADC and Child Support, 75 percent matching for Food Stamps and 50 - 90 percent for programs under Social Services.

The cost of developing MAVERICS is estimated to be $4,377,965 over 3½ years. MAVERICS is expected to be implemented statewide by July 1985. Preliminary analysis indicates cost savings/displacements for the seven-year expected life cycle of the system to be almost $5 million for all four program areas.

Development efforts are directed toward meeting objectives that will increase the efficiency of the delivery of services to clients and improve the availability of information to administer the programs.

The following is an outline of some of the ways MAVERICS will meet major objectives:

1. Reduce the number of forms used and the worker's time necessary to complete the forms. Also, eliminate entering the same information over and over again on different forms.

   Workers will enter the information directly into the system as they interview the clients. The procedure will eliminate the need for a large number of paper forms for gathering data. The integrated data base will eliminate the need to enter information about a person more than one time regardless of the number of programs in which is involved. It will eliminate the need to repeat the entry of information on an individual or case as is now required when several forms have to be completed to take action on a single case.

2. Improve the accessibility, accuracy and validity of data in computer files by:

   A. providing on-line access to case and individual information

   B. editing information for consistency and validity as the worker enters it

   C. providing the ability for the worker to update computer files as changes occur -- right in the county office.

3. Reduce the error rate and increase the uniformity of policy application by:

   A. editing information as it is entered and alerting the worker when inconsistent information is entered, when insufficient information is entered to allow calculation of benefits and when required verifications have not been performed.

   B. calculating benefits, thus eliminating mathematical errors

   C. allowing workers to update computer files as soon as information is obtained to assure that benefits are recalculated as necessary and are based on the clients's current situation.

4. Increase the capacity to detect fraud by:

   A. providing on-line access to the Cross Reference File which will enable a worker to know whether an applicant has applied for or is receiving benefits in any county in the state and to know whether the food coupons for a household have already been issued for the month

   B. allowing for some on-line interfaces with other agencies to verify information provided by applicants and clients.

5. Increase the efficiency of handling mass policy changes and updates. For example, when there is an increase in social security benefits that affects ADC grants and food stamp allotments, those cases that will be affected can be quickly identified by the system and benefits recalculated automatically with very little manual effort by county workers.

6. Minimize the number of manual tasks required to prepare reports by generating, in predefined formats, the information required for federal, state and management reports.

7. Decrease the time required for interfaces with other agencies by providing automated exchange of information between the Welfare Department and other state agencies (like the Employment Security Commission, Tax Commission and Health Department) to verify information provided by clients. MAVERICS will also provide automated referrals and exchange of information between program areas in the Agency.

8. Improve the accessibility of information needed for the management of programs and the mangement decision-making process at the state, regional and county levels. For example, at the county level, the system will provide workers and supervisors with lists of cases requiring follow-up. At the state level, MAVERICS will allow for the use of simulating and modeling techniques to forecase the effects of policy changes being considered by Congress, the Mississippi Legislature, federal agencies or Agency management.

The Agency is in the second of five system development phases that have been defined for the MAVERICS Project. The General Design Phase was completed in January 1983. During the Detail Design Phase, which began in February, the Agency is further defining and detailing the MAVERICS.

LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

The division handles the legal matters for the state office and county welfare departments. Specific areas of responsibilities include investigation of welfare fraud, review of purchase of service contracts, termination of parental rights, assistance concerning foster care matters and Youth Court matters in neglect cases, EEOC cases, protective services and federal litigation in co-ordination with the Attorney General's Office, and many other legal areas.

The Termination of Parental Rights Unit reached its goal of eliminating the backlog of termination of parental rights cases. The unit no longer has any unfiled cases over 90 days old. Termination of parental rights is a major priority in the Legal Services Division. During FY 1983, 143 children were released for adoption. Once a child is adopted and out of foster care, it represents potential savings of approximately $3,000 a year for each child.

The Fraud Investigation Unit has continued to have an overall increase in the caseload despite the recent change in policy whereby all food stamp cases under $500.00 are automatcially referred to an administrative fraud hearing. The unit has received an increasing amount of positive coverage from the news media in the past year.

Recent legislation authorized the agency to seek recovery of fraudulently received funds through the civil recoupment act. It is hoped that the use of this civil recoupment procedure will be beneficial to the entire agency in the recovery of sums that were obtained by ineligible applicants.

The agency's fraud investigation efforts were ranked by USDA well above the national average for FY 1982. The agency ranked 6th nationally in the number of administrative fraud hearings and 12th nationally in the number of fraud cases prosecuted.

The Legal Services Division has taken an active lead in defending several federal cases for the Welfare Department. At the present time, there are approximately 3 cases filed in federal districts courts and one case pending a decision in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. The cases cover a wide range of topics from employees alleging discrimination to due process questions concerning Internal Revenue Services' intercept program for child support.

COURT SURVEY

The following court survey gives a break down of the number and type of suspected fraud claims handled:

FOOD STAMP CASES	FY 1983	FY 1982
Cases Initiated by Affidavit	365	415
Cases Initiated by Indictment	21	14
Cases Pending on July 1	138	397
TOTAL CASES IN JUDICIAL SYSTEM DURING YEAR	**524**	**826**
LESS:		
Convictions	324	387
Dismissals, Acquittals, No1 Pros	25	39
TOTAL CASES PENDING JUDICIAL SYSTEM ON JUNE 30	**165**	**389**

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		
Cases Initiated by Affidavit	155	173
Cases Initiated by Indictment	5	3
Cases Pending on July 1	32	63
TOTAL CASES IN JUDICIAL SYSTEM DURING YEAR	**192**	**239**
LESS:		
Convictions	125	98
Dismissals, Acquittals, No1 Pros	10	17
TOTAL CASES PENDING JUDICIAL SYSTEM, ON JUNE 30	**57**	**124**

TOTAL FRAUD AND REFUND CASES REFERRED TO INVESTIGATIVE DEPARTMENT		
Food Stamps	1 325	1 665
Assistance Payments (AFDC)	592	1 180
Medicaid	149	816
TOTAL	**2 066**	**3 661**

TOTAL FRAUD AND REFUND CASES COMPLETED BY INVESTIGATIVE DEPARTMENT		
Food Stamps	1 266	1 270
Assistance Payments (AFDC)	1 295	854
Medicaid	299	442
TOTAL	**2 860**	**2 566**

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Accounting and Finance Department provides financial data and technical assistance to the Commissioner, divisions and departments. Its primary goal is the accounting of fiscal transactions of the Agency.

The department is divided into four sections: cash management, fiscal, contractual services and general accounting. Fiscal period costs are maintain by major line item such as salaries, commodities, travel and contractual service by source of funding (state, federal, local and other). The accounting system is used to accumulate and summarize information on programs. The information is continuously updated.

Accounting and Finance maintains equipment and building depreciation schedules for state, regional and local Agency departments. The department is responsible for fiscal accounting of all Social Services contracts with third party social service providers.

Significant activities during fiscal year 1983:

* Reorganized the department to increase internal control and efficiency.

* Computarized the financial transactions of third party providers of Title XX and Title IV-B (formerly POS manual records).

* Assigned Social Services contracts to the Contractual Services Section (formerly POS Finance).

* Assumed responsibility for the Agency's Cost Allocation Unit.

* Modified procedures and policies for issuance of Aid to Dependent Children demand letters.

* Developed computer programs to automate fiscal year 1983 manual records, with the assistance of the Data Services Department.

* Organized the Cash Management Section which consists of the Cost Allocation Unit and Reconcilement Unit.

* Revised and modified the Agency's Cost Allocation Plan to include the Maverics Project.

* 1983 collections and recoupments (overpayments to clients).

ADC	$ 73,335.50
Food Stamps	295,362.95
Child Support	3,685,310.00

BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Business Services provides support services like printing, mail distribution, typing and purchasing to all offices of the Agency. The department works closely with the Capitol Commission to negotiate all lease agreements for offices occupied by the state and regional offices.

The department redistributed, picked up or sold approximately $97,200 worth of equipment. Estimates show 17,097 separate items of equipment in 156 locations through the state valued at $1,479,874.

Previously, the Agency used a standard inserting system for mailing Aid to Dependent Children checks to recipients. Business Services converted to a computer controlled operation to handle monthly reporting forms and ZIP sorting. The unit can sign, cut checks, include stuffers and inside envelopes, select reporting form with certain checks, seal, post mark and ZIP sort in one continuous operation.

The Printing Shop printed 40,197,397 sheets of paper. The intermediate copier processed 14,865 originals to make 2,430,825 copies.

The Manuals Unit issued 353 manuals and 157 bulletins. The Word Processing Unit completed 2,871,809 lines for the year, with an average of 282,181 lines per operator.

Business Services purchased all equipment and supplies for state and regional offices and maintained inventory records of all equipment in the offices.

DATA SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Data Services maintains existing computer systems and develops new computer systems. The department also maintains and processes one of the Agency's most valuable resources--it's data. For example, Data Services works with case management information for Aid to Dependent Children, Food Stamps, Social Services and Child Support.

The department began the implementation of the Food Assistance Control Systems (FACS) and tested it in six counties. It also assisted with preparations for the statewide implementation of Monthly Reporting/Retrospective Budgeting in the Food Stamp Program scheduled for October 1983.

Data Services completed testing for major changes, like in the accounting system for FY 1984 to accommodate the change to one appropriation and the automation of manual bookkeeping.

The Mississippi Application Verification Eligibility Reporting and Information Control System (MAVERICS) is a major project in which Data Services has a crucial role. Department personnel assisted with two of the five development phases of MAVERICS. Staff's work in phase two continues into FY 1984. MAVERICS is expected to be implemented statewide by July of 1985.

INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

The Internal Audit Department is an independent appraisal function charged with examining, evaluating and reporting on the adequacy and effectiveness of managerial and financial control systems for all agency operations.

During fiscal year 1983 the Internal Audit Department completed 288 fiscal year audits, exceeding their objective of 250 audits. The department also implemented two major auditing programs: (1) Fiscal and EDP and (2) Operations.

Fiscal and EDP performed audits in the State Office at the management level. Staff assigned to the unit will receive intensive training in data processing during the next two years.

Operations audit is a type of audit previously unknown to the Agency. Auditors in the unit deal with the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Agency's operation. Staff assigned to this unit are among the most experienced in the Agency. They perform systematic reviews to asses performances, identify opportunities for increased economy and efficiency and develop recommendations for improvements or further actions. As an independent appraisal of management s effectiveness, Operation audits are of immense value to supervision.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

The department is responsible for maintaining a comprehensive personnel management system for the agency. Major areas of responsibility are: program staffing, interpretation of personnel administration laws and regulations, formulating and publishing guidelines for personnel policy, maintenance of personnel records and a service rating system.

With the valuable help of the Data Services Department, the Personnel Department initiated a data system for performance appraisals. The data system was designed to help the department notify supervisory staff of performance appraisals that are due and overdue. In addition, the system will expedite identification of performance appraisal scores for all employees, which will be helpful in certain personnel actions are applying the reduction in force formula.

Personnel staff played a major part in the new employee orientation sessions. New employees were instructed on personnel policies and procedures, insurances, grievances and appeals, employee conduct, leave policies and other benefits.

In December 1982, the department processed the necessary personnel actions to effect a mandatory reduction in force. A package of information and benefits was prepared to help the employees that were terminated make the transition. Every effort was made to help them find other employment.

The Personnel Department made four major revisions to the Personnel Volume. The revisions were a result of changes in state law, State Personnel Board rules and new Agency directions. The revisions were made in September and November 1982. An entirely new policy section on the performance appraisal system was added in June 1982.

Other fiscal year 1983 activities included:

* Revised Agency handbook for new employees attending the orientation sessions which began in April 1983.
* Provided each employee with an individual leave balance card twice a month, an added service to employees.
* Revised time cards to accurately report leave without pay.
* Processed approximately 2,400 Job Content Questionnaires.
* Evaluated position requests for the fiscal year 1984 Budget Review Committee. Of the 17 reallocation requests submitted to the State Personnel Board, 15 were approved.
* Updated personal history files on all employees and their state and federal tax forms.
* Processed open enrollment/waiver cards for Wrap-around insurance coverage on all employees.
* Processed fiscal year 1984 realignments and awarding of productivity.
* Processed 2,532 personnel actions.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DEPARTMENT

The Quality Assurance Section evaluates statewide samples of active welfare cases to asses the validity of benefits being received. It also samples ineligible cases to asses the validity of the denial or termination of benefits.

During fiscal year 1983, the section developed ways to cope with reduced staff and resources. The staff also adopted new titles and job descriptions to reflect recent changes in responsibilities. It also assisted in the Individual Family Grants program doing IFG certifications and monitoring the payment of IFG grants.

The Medicaid Commission assumed the responsibility for Medicaid quality control for non-payment cases.

The section coordinated a first-of-its-kind workshop which brought together areas that deal with quality assurance. Participating at the workshop were Aid to Dependent Children and food stamps staff at the federal and state levels, state and federal quality assurance staff, research and statistics staff, legal staff, personnel staff and training and agency management experts.

The Administrative Hearings Section receives all hearing requests from applicants and recipients of assistance. Hearings are requested by persons who are dissatisfied with the decisions or actions taken by the county welfare department.

The staff reviews and analyzes the county department's action which resulted in the appeal for a hearing; arranges and conducts a telephonic hearing (or face-to-face hearing, if requested by the applicant); and recommends a decision based on the hearing transcript, supporting data and department policy.

The Administrative Hearing Section is responsible for initiating and holding administrative disqualification hearings if food stamp recipients are suspected of intentional program violations (fraud).

At the beginning of fiscal year 1983, the section had 45 hearings pending. During fiscal year 1983, the section received 648 requests for hearings; 62 hearings were approved; 281 were denied; 121 were withdrawn; and 183 were processed by other means (most of them were no-shows). A total of 647 hearings were processed leaving 46 hearings pending as of June 1983.

In January 1983, the section assumed the responsibility for the administrative disqualification hearings, previously part of the Legal Services Division. The hearings are held by telephone unless the accused requests a face-to-face hearing.

A total of 2,482 cases were referred to the section for administrative disqualification hearings with 1,300 coming from Food Assistance and 1,182 for Legal Services. During the six months the section has been responsible for the hearings, 744 were found guilty; seven were found not guilty; and 72 cases were returned to Food Assistance for a total of 823 processed. As of June 1983, 1,659 hearings were pending.

FAIR HEARINGS
FISCAL YEAR 1983

APPEALS	Hearings Pending July 1, 1982	Hearings Requested	Hearings Approved	Hearings Denied	Hearings Withdrawn	Other Other	Hearings Pending June 30, 1983
ADC	4	75	14	51	4	7	3
Services	3	5	1	7	0	0	8
IV-D	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Food Stamps	38	567	47	222	117	176	43
TOTAL	45	648	62	281	121	183	46

ADMINISTRATIVE DISQUALIFICATION HEARINGS
FISCAL YEAR 1983
(January, 1983 - June, 1983)

Referred from Food Assistance	Referred from Legal Services	Total Referred	Guilty	Not Guilty	Cases Returned to Food Assistance	Total Disposed Of	Total Pending June 30, 1983
1300	1182	2482	744	7	72	823	1659

REVIEWS
FISCAL YEAR 1983

TYPE REVIEW	ACTIVES	NEGATIVES	TOTAL
ADC	1 982	585	2 567
Food Stamps	2 511	1 791	4 302
ADC Medicaid	1 982		1 982
Total Completed	**6 475**	**2 376**	**8 851**

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The department's primary functions are to study and plan for a more effective use of Agency resources. The Research and Statistics Unit gathers and analyzes statistical information. The Planning Department provides technical data analysis and planning assistance to other departments. During fiscal year 1983, Commissioner Roark placed the Planning Department under the Development Sergices Division.

The reorganization brought several changes to the department. The Emergency Management Unit was eliminated and its work assigned among several divisions. The reporting requirement for the Individual and Family Grant Program remained with the Planning Department.

Additional food stamp job tasks were assigned to the department. Among them were food stamp participation reports, all DPW/Wells Fargo transactions and coordination of county corrective action plans.

The state's emergency supply of food stamp books is kept at Wells Fargo. County officials, accompanied by law enforcement officials, visited Wells Fargo 58 times to transfer 320 cartons of food stamp books valued at $9,705,000.

The Planning Department monitored and analyzed the impact of ADC and food stamp monthly reporting on county welfare departments. Eventually benefits should outweigh the additional workloads created by the federal requirements.

ADC and Food Stamp Corrective Action Plans were refined and expanded this year. In order to meet federally mandated goals and avoid federal fiscal sanctions, county corrective action plans focused on specific problems of the county. The Federal error rate goals established for Mississippi were four percent for ADC and nine percent for food stamps. Mississippi's error rates for both programs stayed well within the goals.

The Agency's Planning Process was expanded to include wall charts for monitoring agency objectives. The charts were updated to record progress.

Alma Cox, Director of the Planning Department, was elected President of the National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics. A great deal of effort and work went into planning the association's 23rd national workshop held July 24-28, 1983 in Jackson.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

The Training Department coordinates and implements the statewide programs of staff development and training.

The Jean Gunter Social Welfare Library is an extensive collection of books, periodicals and audio visual materials used by Agency staff and the public. Training staff enhances and expands staff development programs with the help of the library.

Fiscal year 1983 activities:

* Developed training policy for the Agency's Personnel Manual.
* Conducted the Modular Training Plan which focuses on five stages of employee career development. The ultimate goal is certification.
* Issued training certificates to 2,141 employees after the first full year of participating in the Modular Training Program. Employee certification is based upon requirements of experience and/or training.
* Coordinated and participated in quarterly training for regional supervisory staff.
* Developed the technical training plan for Data Services staff, in cooperation with the Central Data Processing Authority.
* Developed additional parts of the Mississippi Information System for Training (MIS-T), in cooperation with Data Services, to compile all training activities.
* Provided statewide library services to agency staff and other professionals.
* Developed and implemented the Individual and Family Grant Training Program for agency staff involved in disaster assistance.
* Training staff worked in the Disaster Assistance Centers during the April 1983 and May 1983 disaster declarations.
* Implemented an intensive management training program geared toward agency professionals employed in a supervisory capacity.
* Implemented an on-going EEO/AA Training Program

BUDGETS DEPARTMENT

The primary functions of the Budgets Department are to develop, maintain and analyze all Agency budgets. Agency management is kept informed on the status of the budgets.

The Budgets Department, during FY 1983, revised the way budget requests are submitted for consolidation in the Agency's annual budget report. Under the new method, county directors submitted their budgets to their regional director and state office directors submitted their budgets to their deputy commissioner. Regional directors and deputy commissioners then presented the budget requests to the Budget Review Committee during a series of budget hearings.

Previously, all budget requests were submitted directly to the Budgets Department who made budget decisions that should have been made by the directors and deputies. The involvement of the regional directors and deputy commissioners in the budget process has opened a strong communications network with a lot of ideas for improvements and changes.

CLIENT/FIELD SERVICES

Client/Field Services is responsible for planning, directing, coordinating, and controlling the delivery of services system for the Mississippi Department of Public Welfare. Additionally, the budgets Department is a unit of this division and is responsible for the budgeting process for the agency.

The division has six regional offices and eighty-four county welfare departments. The six regional departments are supervised by regional directors who are responsible for the administration and implementation of the various programs of the agency at the county level. A core staff of regional assistance supervisors, regional service supervisors and clerical staff are located in each region office. Various positions serving technical functions are housed in the regional offices.

The regional directors provide supervision to their staff on the regional level and to the county welfare directors. The regional system has improved and assured the continuous flow of communications between the state and county offices.

FY 1983 major activities were:

* Meeting federal regulations and guidelines for compliance in foster care.
* Preparing for implementation of monthly reporting and restrospective budgeting in food assistance.
* Dramatically reducing error rates in ADC and Food Stamps.
* Establishing one consolidated budget for the Agency.

APPLICATIONS HANDLED FOR AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN BY COUNTY
July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

County	Total ADC Handled	Total ADC Pending		Total ADC Handled	Total ADC Pending
STATE	**37 329**	**2 601**			
Adams	605	47	Lee	609	33
Alcorn	241	11	Leflore	873	81
Amite	255	11	Lincoln	409	25
Attala	207	10	Lowndes	607	55
Benton	121	14	Madison	928	47
Bolivar, E.	820	49	Marion	408	27
Bolivar, W.	298	11	Marshall	498	40
Calhoun	261	15	Monroe	518	24
Carroll	113	14	Montgomery	227	11
Chickasaw, E.	115	7	Neshoba	352	15
Chickasaw, W.	93	8	Newton	219	14
Choctaw	77	5	Noxubee	278	27
Claiborne	194	11	Oktibbeha	469	47
Clarke	347	9	Panola	538	27
Clay	372	21	Pearl River	591	42
Coahoma	827	52	Perry	195	17
Copiah	506	68	Pike	666	18
Covington	299	31	Pontotoc	206	16
DeSoto	426	23	Prentiss	163	9
Forrest	1 010	71	Quitman	296	28
Franklin	140	6	Rankin	736	112
George	195	13	Scott	279	16
Greene	82	3	Sharkey	231	9
Grenada	333	21	Simpson	253	17
Hancock	407	25	Smith	135	15
Harrison	2 283	176	Stone	117	6
Hinds	3 975	271	Sunflower	773	46
Holmes	608	30	Tallahatchie	324	25
Humphreys	259	8	Tate	318	28
Issaquena	75	6	Tippah	183	13
Itawamba	154	5	Tishomingo	125	6
Jackson	1 348	126	Tunica	206	13
Jasper	307	35	Union	247	14
Jefferson	227	16	Walthall	226	13
Jefferson Davis	265	15	Warren	605	39
Jones	840	68	Washington	1 289	110
Kemper	100	9	Wayne	361	19
Lafayette	289	19	Webster	170	8
Lamar	310	22	Wilkinson	141	2
Lauderdale	874	42	Winston	305	21
Lawrence	190	8	Yalobusha	123	7
Leake	232	15	Yazoo	452	32

INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, BY COUNTY

JUNE 1983

County	Eligible for Money Payment and Medicaid Benefits	Eligible Only for Medicaid Benefits	
	Children	Adults 2/	Children 3/
STATE	**111 137**	**45 222**	**2 054**
Adams	2 026	889	12
Alcorn	637	287	9
Amite	532	215	8
Attala	556	232	10
Benton	391	150	6
Bolivar, E.	3 427	1 336	38
Bolivar, W.	1 435	536	28
Calhoun	530	227	19
Carroll	374	172	12
Chickasaw, E.	175	71	3
Chickasaw, W.	272	121	6
Choctaw	391	171	7
Claiborne	966	379	47
Clarke	583	205	13
Clay	1 150	504	21
Coahoma	3 937	1 586	17
Copiah	1 374	599	10
Covington	787	290	20
DeSoto	1 143	476	22
Forrest	1 765	793	36
Franklin	419	184	5
George	429	199	8
Greene	335	144	3
Grenada	881	398	15
Hancock	700	332	31
Harrison	3 791	1 563	77
Hinds	10 576	4 468	161
Holmes	3 343	1 136	35
Humphreys	1 345	502	43
Issaquena	199	89	-
Itawamba	240	132	20
Jackson	2 897	1 344	29
Jasper	681	279	1
Jefferson	788	305	15
Jefferson Davis	872	342	12
Jones	1 596	600	29
Kemper	473	145	10
Lafayette	647	288	17
Lamar	645	290	15
Lauderdale	3 093	1 239	101
Lawrence	464	196	13
Leake	565	264	22

1/ Assistance includes money payments and Medicaid benefits. In Mississippi, only children are eligible for money payments under the Aid to Dependent Children program.

2/ Includes adults in money payments and Medicaid only cases who are eligible for Medicaid benefits.

3/ Includes children in money payment and Medicaid only cases who are eligible only for Medicaid benefits.

INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, BY COUNTY

June 1983

County	Eligible for Money Payment and Medicaid Benefits	Eligible Only for Medicaid Benefits	
	Children	Adults 2/	Children 3/
Lee	1 063	449	15
Leflore	3 195	1 244	37
Lincoln	1 077	451	21
Lowndes	2 440	1 044	82
Madison	2 835	1 054	32
Marion	1 167	425	9
Marshall	1 709	695	14
Monroe	1 151	459	44
Montgomery	841	332	30
Neshoba	817	320	26
Newton	520	191	4
Noxubee	1 418	570	23
Oktibbeha	1 651	731	16
Panola	1 630	683	27
Pearl River	1 074	530	27
Perry	490	204	8
Pike	1 928	795	43
Pontotoc	389	156	14
Prentiss	374	167	8
Quitman	1 160	458	22
Rankin	659	253	8
Scott	815	318	19
Sharkey	912	373	25
Simpson	641	265	4
Smith	281	120	11
Stone	268	115	6
Sunflower	2 876	1 134	151
Tallahatchie	1 636	675	15
Tate	1 022	443	41
Tippah	420	191	1
Tishomingo	146	64	-
Tunica	1 494	558	20
Union	416	173	7
Walthall	985	334	14
Warren	2 130	802	30
Washington	6 329	2 395	55
Wayne	1 158	488	23
Webster	383	158	8
Wilkinson	741	310	1
Winston	1 087	471	36
Yalobusha	391	180	27
Yazoo	1 988	766	44

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2/ Includes adults in money payments and Medicaid only cases who are eligible for Medicaid benefits.

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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN: NUMBER OF MONEY PAYMENTS, RECIPIENTS, AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE, MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM GRANTS, BY COUNTY

June 1983

County	Number of Recipients Families	Children	Amount of Assistance	Minimum Grant	Maximum Grant
TOTAL	**52 709**	**111 137**	**$4 792 867**	**$ 10.00**	**$ 360.00**
Adams	976	2 026	87 932	10.00	264.00
Alcorn	314	637	27 897	10.00	216.00
Amite	257	532	23 133	10.00	240.00
Attala	265	556	24 394	15.00	240.00
Benton	188	391	16 845	16.00	205.00
Bolivar, E.	1 599	3 427	146 704	10.00	320.00
Bolivar, W.	641	1 435	60 568	10.00	264.00
Calhoun	271	530	23 738	10.00	216.00
Carroll	271	374	17 118	18.00	288.00
Chickasaw, E.	88	175	7 780	21.00	192.00
Chickasaw, W.	139	272	12 103	30.00	312.00
Choctaw	202	391	17 044	27.00	192.00
Claiborne	415	966	39 962	25.00	240.00
Clarke	293	583	25 492	10.00	216.00
Clay	570	1 150	51 185	11.00	264.00
Coahoma	1 834	3 937	168 816	10.00	264.00
Copiah	691	1 374	61 336	10.00	264.00
Covington	342	787	32 877	10.00	288.00
DeSoto	543	1 143	49 581	10.00	288.00
Forrest	921	1 765	79 803	10.00	264.00
Franklin	211	419	18 642	14.00	192.00
George	205	429	18 949	60.00	240.00
Greene	153	335	14 091	12.00	216.00
Grenada	478	881	40 400	10.00	264.00
Hancock	346	700	30 689	10.00	192.00
Harrison	1 891	3 791	169 083	10.00	311.00
Hinds	5 169	10 576	458 486	10.00	312.00
Holmes	1 402	3 343	137 399	10.00	312.00
Humphreys	609	1 345	56 615	10.00	264.00
Issaquena	108	199	8 791	23.00	216.00
Itawamba	136	240	10 857	11.00	216.00
Jackson	1 441	2 897	128 993	10.00	336.00
Jasper	342	681	30 352	21.00	288.00
Jefferson	374	788	34 415	10.00	288.00
Jefferson Davis	413	872	37 133	11.00	264.00
Jones	759	1 596	68 648	10.00	264.00
Kemper	200	473	19 621	34.00	216.00
Lafayette	331	647	28 487	17.00	240.00
Lamar	324	645	28 381	18.00	216.00
Lauderdale	1 458	3 093	133 972	10.00	288.00
Lawrence	224	464	20 475	11.00	240.00
Leake	280	565	25 040	22.00	240.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN: NUMBER OF MONEY PAYMENTS, RECIPIENTS, AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE, MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM GRANTS, BY COUNTY

June 1983

County	Number of Recipients Families	Children	Amount of Assistance	Minimum Grant	Maximum Grant
Lee	523	1 063	$ 46 883	$ 10.00	$ 240.00
Leflore	1 453	3 195	136 358	10.00	288.00
Lincoln	511	1 077	46 089	10.00	263.00
Lowndes	1 169	2 440	104 649	10.00	240.00
Madison	1 241	2 835	117 972	10.00	336.00
Marion	547	1 167	50 103	12.00	255.00
Marshall	850	1 709	75 907	10.00	240.00
Monroe	540	1 151	49 375	10.00	216.00
Montgomery	447	841	37 578	10.00	273.00
Neshoba	416	817	36 000	10.00	192.00
Newton	258	520	22 867	35.00	240.00
Noxubee	630	1 418	59 520	10.00	288.00
Oktibbeha	804	1 651	71 921	10.00	240.00
Panola	764	1 630	69 695	10.00	312.00
Pearl River	553	1 074	48 215	10.00	216.00
Perry	220	490	21 106	30.00	216.00
Pike	915	1 928	83 488	10.00	240.00
Pontotoc	186	389	16 798	13.00	216.00
Prentiss	186	374	16 159	10.00	216.00
Quitman	522	1 160	48 466	10.00	336.00
Rankin	316	659	28 865	10.00	240.00
Scott	378	815	34 717	10.00	264.00
Sharkey	423	912	39 152	10.00	240.00
Simpson	302	641	27 467	10.00	264.00
Smith	141	281	12 412	10.00	216.00
Stone	140	268	12 162	50.00	168.00
Sunflower	1 294	2 876	120 956	10.00	360.00
Tallahatchie	778	1 636	71 066	10.00	240.00
Tate	516	1 022	44 786	10.00	240.00
Tippah	229	420	19 410	19.00	192.00
Tishomingo	76	146	6 346	16.00	192.00
Tunica	633	1 494	61 000	10.00	264.00
Union	203	416	18 275	10.00	216.00
Walthall	441	985	40 883	10.00	288.00
Warren	930	2 130	89 319	10.00	288.00
Washington	2 777	6 329	266 859	10.00	288.00
Wayne	552	1 158	48 580	10.00	240.00
Webster	190	383	16 633	10.00	216.00
Wilkinson	388	741	32 886	10.00	288.00
Winston	542	1 087	46 816	10.00	240.00
Yalobusha	190	391	16 973	15.00	216.00
Yazoo	920	1 988	84 328	12.00	264.00

CHILD SUPPORT: CASES AND COLLECTIONS
July 1982 - June 30, 1983

County	ADC Collections	ADC Cases	Non-ADC Collections	Non-ADC Cases
STATE	**$ 2 546 618.60**	**16 077**	**$ 337 881.97**	**989**
Adams	47 293.41	281	11 831.00	35
Alcorn	18 538.72	94	-	-
Amite	17 902.60	86	-	-
Attala	6 057.95	51	2 705.00	9
Benton	14 038.60	90	-	-
Bolivar, E.	102 105.11	615	16 349.30	52
Bolivar, W.	54 505.02	406	2 932.40	13
Calhoun	24 206.03	196	1 775.00	6
Carroll	10 281.40	90	-	-
Chickasaw, E.	11 579.61	83	-	-
Chickasaw, W.	11 368.60	83	5 389.42	19
Choctaw	5 064.00	30	-	-
Claiborne	17 475.97	99	-	-
Clarke	8 714.05	48	-	12
Clay	13 830.06	79	630.00	3
Coahoma	44 123.82	386	5 333.00	24
Copiah	21 898.73	163	1 531.00	6
Covington	11 488.26	85	220.00	5
DeSoto	28 330.23	153	2 873.83	13
Forrest	61 575.37	326	1 140.00	4
Franklin	11 489.50	73	-	-
George	6 581.89	25	-	-
Greene	3 103.68	15	-	-
Grenada	16 454.34	95	5 901.30	24
Hancock	18 757.87	113	1 550.20	-
Harrison	103 831.46	527	29 918.01	73
Hinds	147 965.78	908	70 309.13	126
Holmes	24 289.10	244	-	-
Humphreys	37 870.42	285	5 566.28	17
Issaquena	12 674.50	74	-	-
Itawamba	15 602.57	63	-	-
Jackson	46 139.27	242	6 666.80	20
Jasper	16 293.65	95	-	-
Jefferson	27 840.05	125	-	-
Jefferson Davis	11 606.71	81	-	-
Jones	30 294.62	187	-	-
Kemper	13 219.15	60	-	-
Lafayette	34 517.44	233	7 309.76	23
Lamar	11 841.14	78	45.00	1
Lauderdale	39 198.89	305	3 745.00	11
Lawrence	12 115.48	61	200.00	3
Leake	12 825.23	80	-	-

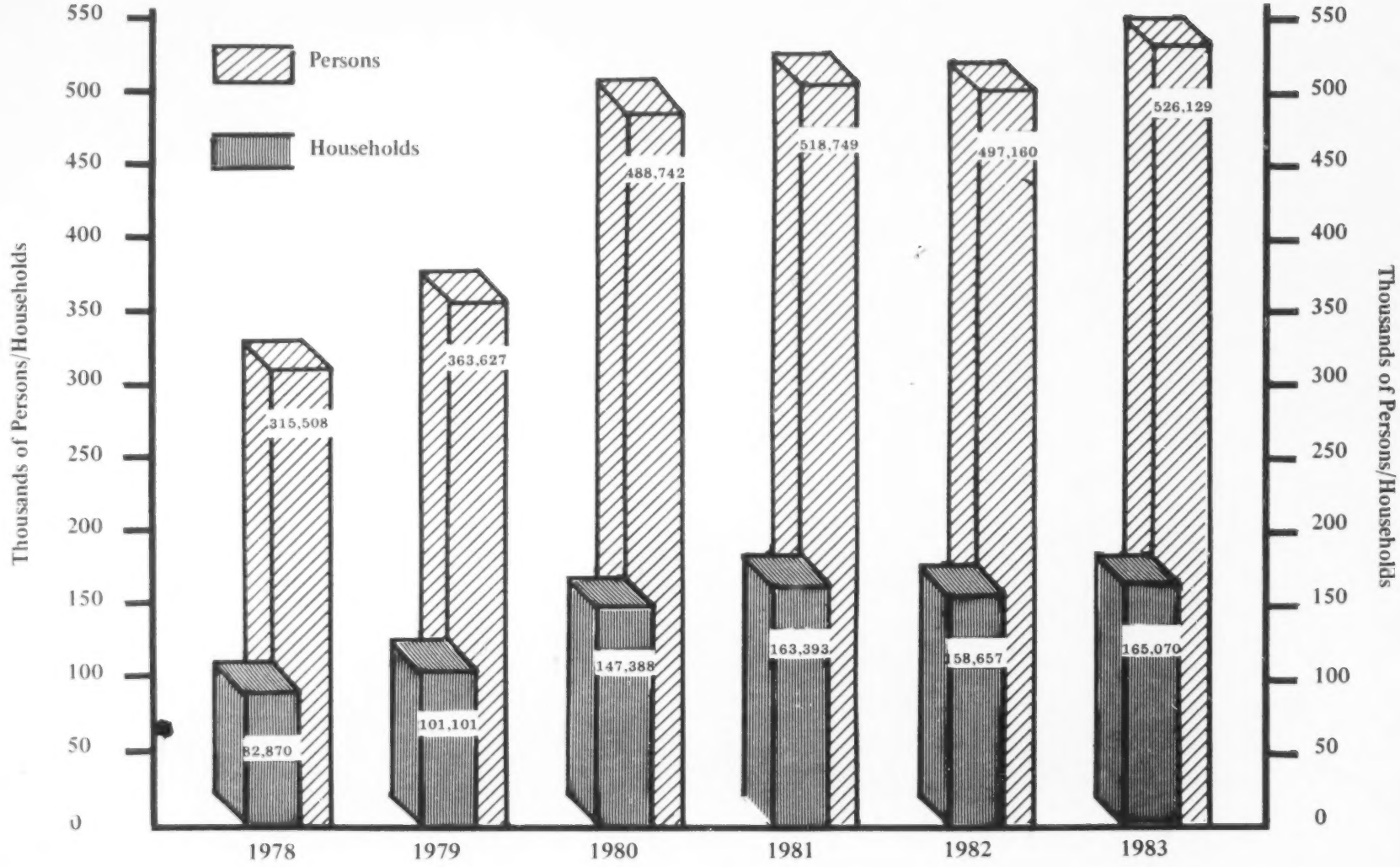
CHILD SUPPORT: CASES AND COLLECTIONS

July 1982 - June 30, 1983

County	ADC Collections	ADC Cases	Non-ADC Collections	Non-ADC Cases
Lee	$ 33 905.20	239	$ 10 605.80	26
Leflore	114 470.02	664	15 655.50	50
Lincoln	31 553.34	225	1 466.00	8
Lowndes	57 544.25	283	6 521.91	22
Madison	42 888.65	259	1 400.00	7
Marion	17 900.70	81	925.00	2
Marshall	62 087.94	453	360.00	2
Monroe	36 702.50	262	4 436.90	9
Montgomery	22 292.69	144	7 350.00	12
Neshoba	22 917.32	143	800.00	3
Newton	12 944.70	70	150.00	1
Noxubee	21 887.37	139	225.00	1
Oktibbeha	20 583.22	192	2 419.50	7
Panola	46 565.31	354	970.00	6
Pearl River	20 627.52	84	-	-
Perry	10 600.00	44	-	-
Pike	34 649.68	236	-	-
Pontotoc	13 272.89	64	4 862.41	13
Prentiss	9 881.00	52	650.00	4
Quitman	16 787.25	114	3 120.00	4
Rankin	14 178.92	78	8 911.00	23
Scott	20 132.46	112	-	-
Sharkey	20 849.54	154	-	-
Simpson	12 523.50	64	3 875.17	13
Smith	5 421.29	11	-	-
Stone	7 019.65	60	-	2
Sunflower	71 465.04	573	5 029.12	21
Tallahatchie	38 843.96	289	-	-
Tate	13 657.39	84	-	-
Tippah	21 787.88	115	950.00	5
Tishomingo	6 215.38	30	2 992.88	9
Tunica	9 749.45	89	2 390.00	5
Union	13 006.68	92	150.00	1
Walthall	20 869.99	110	-	-
Warren	43 332.54	392	13 832.50	47
Washington	227 112.08	1 328	33 675.28	116
Wayne	14 665.93	113	1 174.90	2
Webster	14 396.99	65	-	-
Wilkinson	30 933.70	163	12 276.80	43
Winston	25 106.45	130	-	4
Yalobusha	6 157.25	53	3 141.00	8
Yazoo	74 240.70	457	3 643.87	14

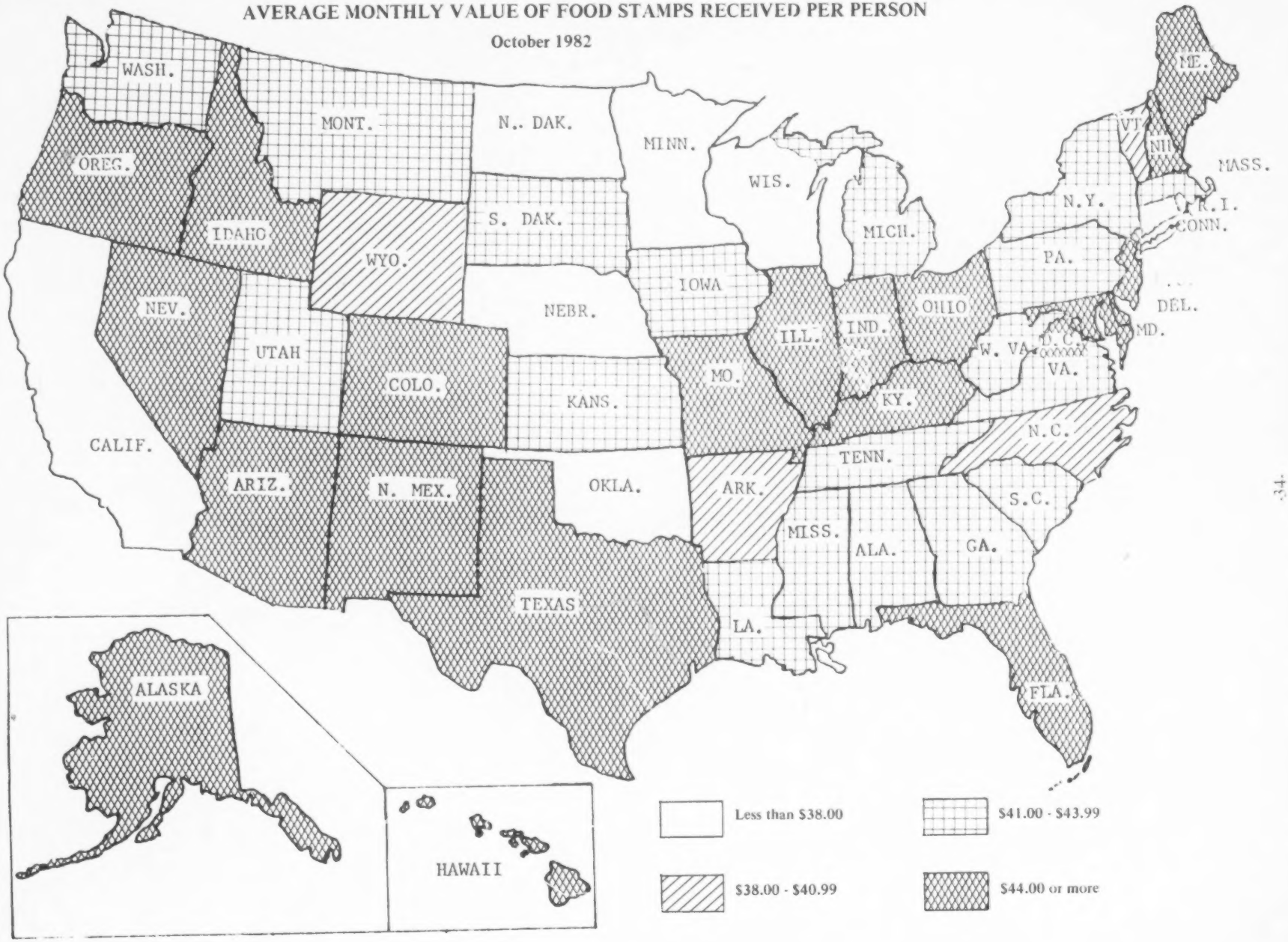
NUMBER OF PERSONS AND HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING FOOD STAMPS IN MISSISSIPPI

(Monthly Average)



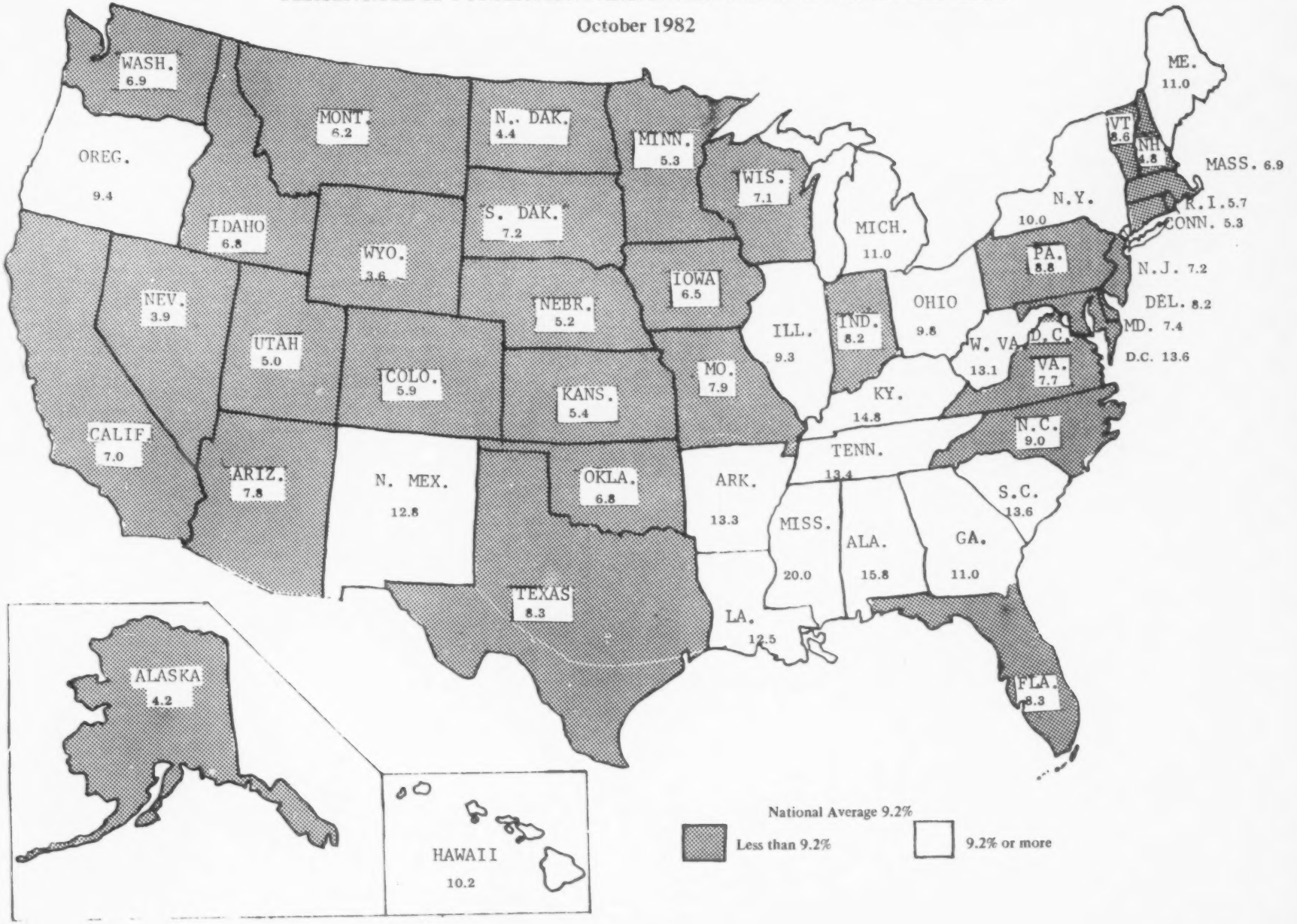
AVERAGE MONTHLY VALUE OF FOOD STAMPS RECEIVED PER PERSON

October 1982



PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION PARTICIPATING IN FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

October 1982



SOCIAL SERVICE CASES UNDER CARE
PRIMARY SERVICE RECIPIENTS AND SECONDARY SERVICE RECIPIENTS
BY COUNTY

JUNE 1983

County	Primary Service Recipients	Secondary Service Recipients
STATE	**21 648**	**3 864**
Adams	301	48
Alcorn	240	68
Amite	99	0
Attala	201	4
Benton	63	23
Bolivar, E	356	46
Bolivar, W	47	0
Calhoun	251	78
Carroll	179	109
Chickasaw, E	122	56
Chickasaw, W	200	1
Choctaw	162	124
Claiborne	135	20
Clarke	127	21
Clay	353	116
Coahoma	365	10
Copiah	83	0
Covington	68	2
DeSoto	117	12
Forrest	310	42
Franklin	42	6
George	45	0
Greene	46	2
Grenada	274	16
Hancock	341	44
Harrison	931	86
Hinds	2 801	983
Holmes	546	180
Humphreys	120	48
Issaquena	32	2
Itawamba	110	11
Jackson	1 074	133
Jasper	71	0
Jefferson	134	0
Jefferson Davis	339	74
Jones	476	11
Kemper	84	2
Lafayette	230	51
Lamar	89	1
Lauderdale	653	130
Lawrence	40	1
Leake	102	1

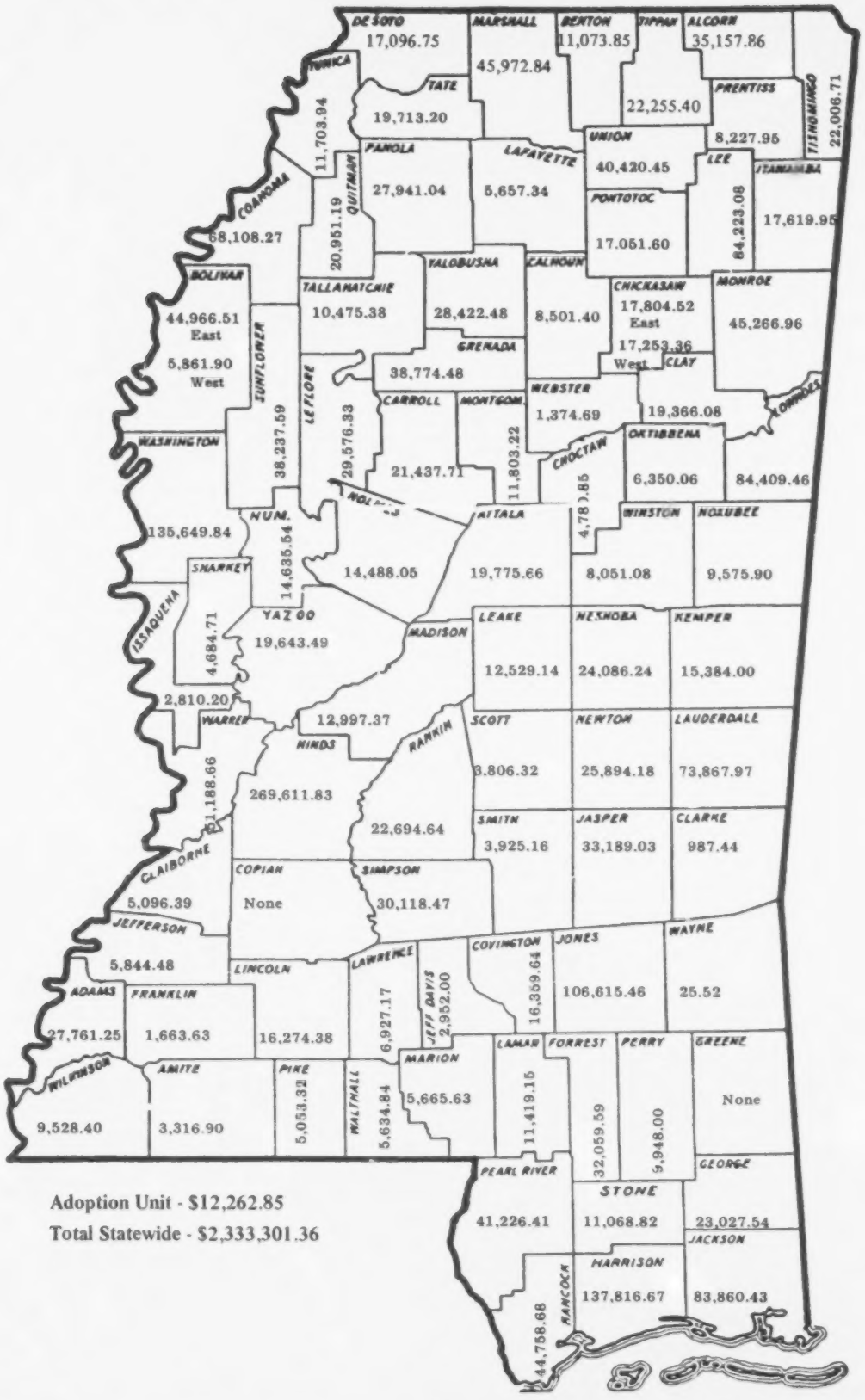
SOCIAL SERVICE CASES UNDER CARE
PRIMARY SERVICE RECIPIENTS AND SECONDARY SERVICE RECIPIENTS
BY COUNTY

JUNE 1983

County	Primary Service Recipients	Secondary Service Recipients
Lee	536	128
Leflore	280	98
Lincoln	111	2
Lowndes	534	5
Madison	277	10
Marion	386	60
Marshall	383	136
Monroe	339	5
Montgomery	305	48
Neshoba	341	112
Newton	141	7
Noxubee	106	37
Oktibbeha	245	74
Panola	174	5
Pearl River	412	1
Perry	57	1
Pike	248	58
Pontotoc	134	8
Prentiss	227	15
Quitman	100	1
Rankin	87	5
Scott	80	2
Sharkey	81	3
Simpson	203	19
Smith	74	13
Stone	65	34
Sunflower	146	1
Tallahatchie	99	0
Tate	64	2
Tippah	309	99
Tishomingo	169	18
Tunica	88	6
Union	349	25
Walthall	116	5
Warren	320	5
Washington	610	104
Wayne	124	3
Webster	141	82
Wilkinson	168	2
Winston	127	22
Yalobusha	171	7
Yazoo	349	34
Adoption Unit	13	0

FOSTER HOME CARE PAYMENTS
BY COUNTY

July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983



Adoption Unit - $12,262.85

Total Statewide - $2,333,301.36

GENERAL RELIEF IN MISSISSIPPI
Only Counties Offering General Relief
July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

County	Total Number of Cases	Total Amount of Payments
STATE	**8 636**	**$ 135 964.81**
Attala	45	3 614.39
Forrest	24	797.14
Greene	1 627	25 229.00
Jones	3 178	47 685.00
Kemper	60	600.00
Lamar	978	4 890.00
Lincoln	294	3 060.00
Lowndes	68	2 040.00
Marion	488	9 243.49
Monroe	262	6 455.00
Montgomery	17	920.00
Noxubee	36	1 284.09
Panola	7	101.70
Scott	120	2 400.00
Simpson	217	6 570.00
Smith	155	1 550.00
Sunflower	36	540.00
Tallahatchie	616	14 520.00
Tate	88	2 250.00
Walthall	279	1 395.00
Wilkinson	41	820.00

TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCES
July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

MEETING NUMBER	NAME, PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING	TOTAL MEETING EXPENSE	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING
1	Financial Management Training Conference Atlanta, GA - July 21-23, 1982	$2,701.28	6
2	National Workshop on Welfare Research & Statistics San Antonio, TX - July 25-28, 1982	3,304.29	9
3	National Conference of State Human Services Finance Officers - Cherry Hill, NJ - August 15-19, 1982	4,517.07	5
4	National Conference on Social Welfare Southwest Sponsoring Committee Meeting Houston, TX - August 18-19, 1982	425.37	1
5	AFDC Implementation Conference Boston, MA - August 22-26, 1982	2,627.61	3
6	HHS, AFDC Conference San Francisco, CA - August 29-September 4, 1982	666.78	1
7	APWA Public Welfare Administrators Washington, D.C. - September 8, 1982	572.06	1
8	Food Stamp Program Workshop Atlanta, GA - September 8-10, 1982	376.46	1
9	APWA Southeastern States Regional Conference Charleston, S.C - September 21-24, 1982	13,253.56	30
10	America Society for Training Development Birmingham, AL - September 26-29, 1982	403.61	1
11	NIGP Basic Public Purchasing Seminar & Jackson, MS - September 29 - October 1, 1982 November 30 - December 2, 1982	46.80	2
12	Association of Juvenile Compact Administractors Lincoln, NB - September 30 - October 1, 1982	722.33	1
13	Mississippi Association on Children Under Six Jackson, MS - October 15-16, 1982	99.43	2
14	Alabama Friends of Adoption Conference on Acquired Families Birmingham, AL - October 14-15, 1982	241.40	2
15	National R&S Board Meeting Federal Reporting Committee Washington, D.C. - October 14-20, 1982	650.75	1
16	Integrated Worksheet Training by DHHS and USDA Atlanta, GA - October 19-22, 1982	358.30	1
17	Today's Career Woman VI Seminar Jackson, MS - October 21, 1983	40.00	1
18	American Humane Training Conference Denver, CO - October 21-23, 1982	624.33	1
19	Training for Maximus Atlanta, GA - October 27-29, 1982	145.00	3

TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCES
July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

MEETING NUMBER	NAME, PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING	TOTAL MEETING EXPENSE	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING
20	Association of State Personnel Administrators Conference Biloxi, MS - October 28-29, 1982	$ 146.00	1
21	Hiring, Interviewing, and Appraising Jackson, MS - October 28-29, 1982	74.05	1
22	Managing People Jackson, MS - November 9, 1982	167.10	1
23	American Association of Public Welfare Attorneys Seattle, WA - November 14,-17, 1982	893.71	1
24	Community Advisory Board, WHBQ-TV Memphis, TN - November 15, 1982	46.80	1
25	Productivity Under Pressure Jackson, MS - November 18, 1982	36.80	1
26	National Council of State Public Welfare Administrators APWA Forum Implementing Public Law 96772 and APWA Social Services Oklahoma City, OK - November 28-30, 1982	2,155.95	4
27	Food Stamp Workshop Atlanta, GA - December 1-3, 1982	3,025.58	9
28	Welfare Fraud Seminar, Univ. of Delaware Wilmington, DE - December 6-7, 1982	744.05	1
29	Community Advisory Board, WHBQ-TV Memphis, TN - December 10, 1982	46.37	1
30	APWA Information Systems Management Atlanta, GA - September 12-15, 1982	4,033.95	10
31	Community Advisory Board, WHBQ-TV Memphis, TN - January 7, 1983	46.40	1
32	Federal Reporting Committee of National R&S Board Meetings Washington, D.C. - January 10-12, 1982	708.48	1
33	HHS Meeting Atlanta, GA - January 12, 1982	334.88	1
34	Meeting with HHS Officials Atlanta, GA - January 12, 1983	281.91	1
35	APWA Conference Planning Committee Meeting Virginia Beach, VA - January 13-14, 1983	1,156.38	2
36	APWA Employment Committee Meeting Washington, D.C - January 18, 1983	605.66	1
37	Federal/State Workshop on Integrated QC Worksheet Atlanta, GA - January 20, 1983	284.59	1
38	Community Advisory Board, WHBQ-TV Memphis, TN - January 25, 1983	43.20	1
39	American Association Public Welfare Attorneys Washington, D. C. - February 2-3, 1983	681.62	1

TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCES
July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

MEETING NUMBER	NAME, PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING	TOTAL MEETING EXPENSE	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING
40	Research, Demonstration, and Evaluation Planning Meeting Washington, D.C. - February 14-15, 1983	$ 586.58	1
41	Department of HHS and USC Workshop San Diego, CA - March 20-23, 1983	507.12	1
42	Child Abuse/Neglect State Liaison Officers Meeting Washington, D.C. - April 5-6, 1983	509.14	1
43	Federal Tax Refund Offset Project Workshop Washington, D.C. - April 12, 1983	420.17	1
44	Annual Meeting of Association of Compact Administrators Albuquerque, NM - April 25-28, 1983	528.68	1
45	Research Demonstration & Evaluation in Public Social Services Washington, D.C. - May 17-19, 1983	919.99	2
46	National Council of Welfare Administrators, APWA Washington, D.C. - June 19-21, 1983	720.43	1
47	Region IV State Refugee Coordinators Meeting Charleston, SC - June 21-24, 1983	527.45	1

LIST OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING CONFERENCES, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND OTHER MEETINGS

July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

Meeting No. 1
Jackie Easom
Venda Brown
Michael Lampton
Tommy Brumfield
Tyrone Veal
Katherine Gray

Meeting No. 2
Alma Cox
Sherry Harris
Dale Stegall
Vivan Charleston
John Christmas
Pinkie McMurray
Carol Spears
James Frank Giddy
James A. Womack

Meeting No. 3
Lee Butler
Tyrone Veal
Venda Brown
Aurelia Jones
Michael Lampton

Meeting No. 4
Donald B. Roark

Meeting No. 5
Donald B. Roark
Frances Euart
Beth Kirkland

Meeting No. 6
Dr. Marion Sephton

Meeting No. 7
Donald B. Roark

Meeting No. 8
Joy Herron

Meeting No. 9
John Fraiser
A. L. Service
Linda Cook
Donald B. Roark
Bennie Mims
Clayton Barnett
Glenn Grimsley
Nancy Burt
Dorothy Gross
Richard Quinnelly
Louise LaMasters

Meeting No. 10
Wendell Cox

Meeting No. 11
Mary Reed
Verna Lee

Meeting No. 12
Louise Fisher

Meeting No. 13
Frances Williams
Rebecca Kershaw

Meeting No. 14
Isadora Stevens
Mollye Cash

Meeting No. 15
Alma Cox

Meeting No. 16
Patsy Killebrew

Meeting No. 17
Linda Cook

Meeting No. 18
Dorothy Roberts

Meeting No. 19
Barbara Baggett
Pinkie McMurray
John Christmas

Meeting No. 20
Linda Cook

Meeting No. 21
Jean Allen

Meeting No. 22
Wendell Cox

Meeting No. 23
Jimmy Dedeaux

Meeting No. 24
Willie F. Watson

Meeting No. 25
Maria O. Martinez

Meeting No. 26
Carolyn Townes
Morris Priebatsch
Donald B. Roark
Frances Euart

Meeting No. 27
Maria O. Martinez
Patricia Williamson
James Womack
James Denson
Donald B. Roark
Cathy Herrington
Ruth Willis
Cathen Matlock
Joy Herron

Meeting No. 28
Karen Cooley

Meeting No. 29
Willie F. Watson

Meeting No. 30
James A. Womack
Judith Michael
Susan Russell
Martha Palmer
Linda J. Whyte
Melanee Lane
James Denson
Pat Thomas
Elizabeth Kirkland
Al Strong

Meeting No. 31
Willie F. Watson

Meeting No. 32
Alma Cox

Meeting No. 33
Shelby J. Roten

Meeting No. 34
Max M. Cole

Meeting No. 35
John A. Fraiser
Shelby J. Roten

Meeting No. 36
Carolyn Park

Meeting No. 37
Patsy Killebrew

Meeting No. 38
Willie F. Watson

Meeting No. 39
Jimmy Dedeaux

Meeting No. 40
Jame Emling

Meeting No. 41
Jane Emling

Meeting No. 42
Melzana Fuller

Meeting No. 43
Roy J. Keeton

Meeting No. 44
Elizabeth Ann Pullum

Meeting No. 45
Jane Emling
Glenn Grimsley

Meeting No. 46
Donald B. Roark

Meeting No. 47
Jane Lee